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WORLD CUP FEVER



from DAVID JACK in Mexico City

IN just a few days, the 13th World Cup will kick off here in the magnificent Azteca Stadium in front of a guaranteed 110,000 spectators.

The big match to launch the greatest football show on earth is Italy v Bulgaria, with the odds heavily stacked in Italy's favour.

Bulgaria, somehow or other, do not look like potential world champions. Italy do.

The Italians have the glamour, the relish for the big-time atmosphere, the star individual performers and all the necessary panache you'd expect from a champion.

Bulgaria have none of this. They have hardly one player who is well known outside of Bulgaria. Do they even have any fans who would take the trouble to travel to Mexico from their European homeland? I doubt it.

Yet I recall a similar situation in Spain just four years ago when I was one of the 100,000 people packed into Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium for the opening match in that World Cup between Argentina and Belgium.

The Belgians were alleged to be the outsiders, the small-time players from the small nation with limited Cup credibility.

Argentina on the other hand were a popular tip — not just to beat Belgium but to go right on to the end and take the Cup.

Argentina had Maradona as well.

The world-wide TV audience settled back eagerly — afflicted by World Cup Fever though many miles from the action —

awaiting some Maradona magic.

Alas, it was not to be seen. The magician's tricks did not work.

Whenever Maradona was tackled, he collapsed in a heap, clutching knee or ankle or leg, putting on a show which was surely staged for the benefit of the referee.

It is history now that Belgium, the outsiders, edges through 1-0, putting the first nail in the Argentine coffin on World Cup opening day.

Could such a fate befall the Italians, proud holders of the trophy, when they meet Bulgaria on Saturday?

Will Scirea, Conti, Altobelli and Co suffer the anguish felt by Maradona and his men four years ago?

It is most unlikely. But you never know. World Cup Fever affects the glamour teams as well as the minnows. It could even trouble Italy.

While Italian coach Enzo Bearzot is in optimistic mood here, I do not think his team will repeat its 1982 triumph.

Paolo Rossi did a one-man demolition job in Spain. I do not think he or any of his colleagues will be similarly successful in Mexico.

It may be tempting fate to predict likely winners here before I have even seen the teams in action but I cannot go beyond Brazil as my first choice.

Sure, they have had some strange results in warm-up matches but this is not all that important.

If they can get players like Junior, Socrates and Falcao on the field fully fit and the younger players like Silas and Muller are as good as my Brazilian friends insist, Brazil will trouble every opponent in this Cup.

Of the other South Americans, I lean slightly

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FLASHBACK
1982 WORLD CUP FINAL.
ITALY's Captain DINO ZOFF lifts the World Cup after his side had beaten West Germany 3-1 in the Santiago Bernabeau Stadium, Spain.

SOCER's four-yearly extravaganza, the World Cup, is almost upon us.

It is bigger than any other sporting event, certainly much bigger than the Olympic Games in terms of crowds attending the matches and the world-wide television audience.

Yet we confess to having doubts. Is the World Cup too big?

When ASW attended the last World Cup in Spain, we had the feeling that there were too many teams competing and the series went for at least a week, maybe two weeks, more than necessary.

You have to be a mad football fanatic to watch 52 matches in a month. It might be a reasonable proposition if there was quality on show in each match.

Alas, there is not.

At least half of the games played in Spain were eminently forgettable. A few, of course, will live in the memory permanently - for instance, the Cup Final, the Brazil v Italy match, the France v West Germany battle and a few others.

But do these isolated gems make up for the host of dull matches served up during that very long month?

The performance put on by Austria and West Germany, which robbed Algeria of further Cup progress, was an insult to everyone. And that was, by no means, the only dreadful match.

We must hope for something better in Mexico, but without much optimism.

If FIFA would come clean, president Joao Havelange and his team would have to admit that there is no way 24 teams can entertain the Soccer public for a full month, no matter how thirsty the fans may be.

The competition was far better when it was contested by only 16 teams, when there was a greater chance for quality to be on show.

FIFA seems determined to persist with its 24-team format and it is not difficult to understand why.

When Havelange was appointed president, he won office largely on the votes of what we now call "third world nations."

But there had to be a trade-off. Havelange promised the Africans and Asians a better chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals. There was no way this could be achieved without making the competition bigger. Too big as things turned out.

There was another reason for enlarging the competition. FIFA realised that more games meant more money. FIFA has an insatiable thirst for gate receipts because the cost of staging this four-yearly festival is enormous.

Whether or not it is spent wisely is another matter.

It is an expensive exercise flying players and administrators from all corners of the earth for the football fiesta. It is also very costly paying for their accommodation.

We have no complaints about the cost of players' accommodation but the administrators never stay in anything but the very best five-star hotels. Find the most expensive hotel in any World Cup city and that is where you'll find the FIFA big shots.

When you consider the huge amount of money flowing in to the World Cup kitty from gate receipts, TV fees, advertising rights and sponsorship, each of the teams in the finals should return home with a mint of money.

There must be something wrong when a team like New Zealand achieves the near-impossible by surviving some 15 qualifying matches and goes on to meet the giants of the game... and loses money on the deal.

New Zealand should have been able to build up a healthy bank balance after their marvellous efforts in 1982, but they didn't.

It is not surprising that Charlie Dempsey, NZ Soccer chairman, stated in Spain in 1982 that neither his country, nor Australia, could afford to take part in any future World Cups.

Dempsey relented but the NZFA is now a very hard-up organisation, so short of cash that it had to sack its well-respected national Director of Coaching a few months ago because it could not afford his modest salary.

Like most people in Soccer, ASW hopes the 1986 World Cup in Mexico turns out to be a roaring success.

But let us not delude ourselves any longer. The Cup lasts too long and it is open to too many teams.

We should return to sanity and a 16-team competition in the future.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE

FRANKEN NOT NEEDED AS CANBERRA PROVES POINT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS came to town determined to hold Sydney Olympic to a draw at Pratten Park. And this they did before a stunned crowd of 4,706 which saw the two teams locked at one-all at fulltime.

Having relied so heavily all season on their magnificent goalkeeper, Anthony Franken to get them out of trouble, Canberra City in this match were able to ease much pressure off him.

In the 16th minute, striker Hilton Phillips broke away on the right and lashed an angled shot on target which Olympic's Gary Meier did well to block.

Steve Bryant, Canberra's left-back and coach collided heavily with Olympic's powerful flank-striker in the 20th minute. Bryant had to be dragged off the field for first aid attention but returned to play some five minutes later.

With Olympic looking lethargic and most unimaginative in attack, their classy centre-back, Mike Coady pushed upfield to stab a low 10 metre drive well on target. Canberra's sweeper, Jimmy Cant

blocked the danger.

The experiment of playing right striker Terry Patalis at left-back and switching Gary Phillips to right midfield, was not an overwhelming success. The experiment was rightly reversed in the second half.

Just before halftime Patalis raided up the left flank and played a one-two with his captain Peter Raskopoulos. Inside the box, Patalis flicked the ball to Marshall Soper on his right as the latter let fly from 10 metres out a "Warwick Capper" drive over the cross-bar.

Two minutes after "drinks", Canberra's skipper, Tommy Sermanni blasted at Meier's goals but the giant goalkeeper blocked the definite danger.

Olympic's midfield trio of Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos and Vicente



MIKE COADY

Estavillo, looked very disjointed against Canberra's Tommy Sermanni, Johnny golden chance presented Canberra.

Coady in the 68th minute, with blood flowing profusely from a nasty gash over his left-eyebrow left the field for attention.

Two minutes later, the classy English stopper came back on with his head heavily bandaged and continued to be Olympic's best player.

Olympic finally got out of jail in the 70th minute when the block-busting winger, Chris Kalantzis headed home a well taken free-kick on the right by Raskopoulos.

Best performers were Coady and Meier for Olympic whilst for Canberra, Sermanni, Franken, Mihailidis and Dunn stood out.

Canberra's captain, Tommy Sermanni stated after the match: "Of course we are happy with the League point and could have possibly got both. We play them again on Friday night and the score will be different as we are gradually gaining some confidence. Jimmy Cant has made a big difference at the back."

Hearing the last comment, Cant added, "Not a big difference but a HUGE difference," the dry Scot corrected.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Patalis; Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo (Johnston 69); Soper, Brandt, Kalantzis.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS: Franken: Dunn, Burke, Cant, Bryant, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Hamilton; Phillips, Juna, Gibson (Fernandez 58). REFEREE: T. Seacy. CROWD: 4,706.

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JOHN ECONOMOS

WARD DOUBLE REPAYS CLUB TRANSFER FEE

BY TOM MCKAIN

STRIKER Garry Ward repaid his transfer fee, his signing on fee and any perks Adelaide Hellas may have furnished him with when he scored both goals in the 2-0 win over Brisbane Lions at Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was the SA club's second home win of the season, and also the second under new coach Edmund Kreft.

Ward had been brought down in the penalty box to produce the first home triumph against Heidelberg when Gary Price scored from the spot, but on Sunday the goal glory was all his.

After Lions had looked as if they would rock Hellas, came the second half and a revitalised home line-up after a nil scoreline.

Ward made his first strike in the 52nd minute when he was in the middle of the Lions box to raise his right foot high enough to chip the ball past goalkeeper Robbie Farrow.

And he was on target again in the 82nd minute to head home after defender Robbie Dunn had met a header from the right following a free kick by substitute Chris Manou.

And it was another substitute who sparked the Hellas revival - striker George Konstandopoulos.

He took the field in the 66th minute for retiring Price and ran straight and true at the Lions defence to cause all sorts of trouble including a shot which hit the bar.

He complemented the much taller Ward, and when captain and midfield Graham Honeyman joined in to make a three man attack Lions had their backs to the wall.

But earlier, it was the Queensland team which looked like scoring an upset.

In a mediocre first half there were only two shots of note - one from Lions Danny Wright and the other from his teammate Alan Niven, both saved brilliantly by Socceroo keeper Martyn Crook.

Hellas' Price, then Alan Scott looked good with shots which missed in the second period, and after Ward's first goal there was an inspired Lions spell which saw Frank Liddell hit the bar with a header, Dunn clear off the line for Hellas following a shot by David Hunter, then a Craig Low effort bounce off the post into Crook's hands.

And FIFA and SA referee Donald Campbell upset Lions when he refused a penalty which to home fans was on the border of the box.

Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Panagis, Price (Konstandopoulos 66), Scott, Ward, McLaughlin (Manou 72). Lions: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson, Liddell (Mulvey 69), Niven, R Stewart, J Stewart, Ogden, Wright, Low (Austin 80), Morton. Referee: D Campbell. Crowd: 2,682.



CHRIS KALANTZIS flies high with Jim Cant of Canberra (Modern Studios)

WORLD CUP, from front page

towards Uruguay rather than Argentina.

The European challenge is led by France, a team of many talents which will not be overawed by World Cup Fever.

Denmark, too, should do well — despite being placed in the Group of Death with the Germans, Scots and Uruguayans.

Italy must have some sort of a show as must West Germany.

Not for the first time, there is a lot of inspired money going on England but it is not my money.

I do not think any of the UK challengers will gain great joy from this

World Cup.

Hungary are outsiders deserving respect and so are the Soviet Union.

But broadly speaking, we must accept the theory that European teams find it terribly difficult overcoming the hazards of playing in the Americas.

I make Brazil my first choice, while accepting their side will not be as brilliant as its predecessors in Spain in 1982.

Right now, France is my second choice with, perhaps, Uruguay creeping into third place.

Next week, though, we will all be in a better position to assess the good and the not-so-good after we have sampled a touch of World Cup Fever.

Mihailidis and Jim Hamilton.

On the hour mark, Canberra finally cracked Olympic's defence. Striker Hilton Phillips raided up the left and slung a perfect cross to the back stick to find right-back Jason Dunn, who beat Meier with a powerful header.

The goal showed up a piece of pathetic defence by Olympic who were badly caught out "ball-watching" as Dunn crept up on the back stick completely free to meet the cross. To make things even worse, central midfielder Mihailidis was also free right next to Dunn providing cover-insurance for the

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

FIREWORKS AT LAMBERT PARK

THE massacre at Lambert Park would have been a better description of the listed fixture at the Leichhardt ground than the allocated game of APIA Leichhardt against Wollongong.

During the 93 minutes of play and stoppages in the 1-1 draw, three players were sent off, six were booked, and the usual crowd stayed behind to boo the referee as he was escorted off the ground by police.

BY CHARLES CROSS

Arthur Owens had the unenviable task of controlling a match in which players from both teams seemed determined to cut down as many as possible from the opposition side.

If a count was needed, Wollongong finished slightly ahead in having one less player sent off, with goals and cautions even.

Less than one minute was required for the first

foul and yellow card when Apia's Alex Bundalo brought down Jock Morlando to set the stage for a rough day.

Two minutes later, the card was out again when Robert Giraldi barged into keeper Tony Pezzano as he was holding the ball.

Zivko Hristovski brought down Brian Cokely and three of the first six minutes had been spent in stoppages from fouls.

But Wollongong had the first laugh when midfield maestro Saul Rivero headed the ball to Peter Kotamanidis in the penalty area who missed with his first attempt and was then pulled down by Tom Steven during his second try.

Rivero made no mis-

take from the penalty spot.

David Green, Hristovski and Willie Murray completed the first half yellow card parade.

The second half was all action and some of it was not pleasant to watch.

Wollongong had most of the play with Rivero teasing the Apia defence and the solid backline of Ray Vlietstra, Green, Reg Chilby and Morlando providing an almost impassable barrier for the Apia attack.

Terry Butler picked up the only second half yellow card when he disagreed with a ruling by the referee in the 70th minute but six minutes later Apia were level.

Butler was fouled just outside the box and Polish import Janusz Baran scored his first Australian goal when he bent the ball around the wall.

The niggling by players really exploded one minute later when Bundalo went down from a tackle by Larry Gaffney, Louis Dounis came in to tackle Gaffney and after punches had been thrown both were sent off.

Two minutes into injury time Butler headed for the showers when he brought down Green in full flight towards the Apia goal.

Bundalo, Tony Morsello and Baran tried hard for Apia but the defence was too solid while Rivero, until he ran out of steam, stood out for Wollongong.

APIA: Pezzano, Steven, Bozanic, Bertone, Brown, Hristovski (Dounis 46), Bundalo, Koussas (Stuart 61), Baran, Butler, Morsello.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldi, Rivero, Kotamanidis, Murray (Brodnik 61), Gaffney.

REFEREE: A. Owens.

CROWD: 2004

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (C Kalantzis) drew with CANBERRA 1 (J Dunn) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4706.

MONARO 0 drew with SYDNEY CITY 0 at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 666.

LEICHHARDT 1 (J Baran) drew with WOLLONGONG 1 (S Rivero) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2004.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (G Arnold 2) drew with MARCONI 2 (D Lowe, R Brown) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 7278.

ST GEORGE 2 (M Orsagh, S Ollerenshaw) CANTERBURY 1 (N Borges) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1478.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE CITY 2 (K Cooper, A Reis) drew with ADELAIDE CITY 2 (C Villani, S Melta) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2013.

SUNSHINE 3 (R Bain, C Gilder, S Richardson) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (D Crainie) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 4000.

PRESTON 2 (G Heys, W Spink) MELBOURNE CROATIA at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4500.

ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (G Ward 2) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2982.

FOOTSCRAY 3 (E Tapai, V Stosic, V Bozinovski) GREEN GULLY 1 (P Lenis) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

BRUNSWICK 4 (J Yzendoorn, S Patterson, J Dowie, R Cullen) HEIDELBERG 1 (C Lucchesi) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3000.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	5	2	1	11	5	12
Sydney Olympic	3	5	0	18	9	11
Sydney Croatia	4	2	2	13	8	10
Marconi	4	2	2	14	10	10
Bankstown	4	2	2	11	10	10
St George	3	3	2	10	8	9
Sydney City	2	4	2	13	11	8
Newcastle	1	5	2	9	12	7
Canberra	2	2	4	8	10	6
Canterbury	2	2	4	10	13	6
Apia Leichhardt	2	2	4	8	12	6
Monaro	0	1	7	4	21	1

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	6	1	1	14	13	13
Brunswick	5	2	1	16	2	12
Adelaide City	3	4	1	14	8	10
Preston	4	2	2	11	5	10
Sunshine	3	4	1	9	6	10
South Melbourne	4	0	4	9	9	8
H'berg	2	3	3	8	11	7
Brisbane Lions	2	2	4	8	9	6
Adelaide Hellas	3	0	5	8	11	6
Green Gully	1	3	4	7	10	5
Brisbane City	1	3	4	9	21	5
Melbourne Croatia	1	2	5	3	11	4

"Monaro are a much better team than their position suggests," Thompson said after the game.

"They are certainly not the worst team we have

played this year."

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Still, the City coach was clearly worried at a point dropped to yet another side which the Slickers should have accounted for easily.

The bumpy Seiffert Oval surface hindered City's natural game and its stars, notably John Walsh and Murray Barnes, were out of touch.

City came close several times but on two desperate occasions Monaro found the man for the moment in sweeper and captain Ricky Budini.

The first came on the

WHAT A SECOND HALF SIZZLER!

IT took a last-gasp piece of desperation finishing by Socceroo Graham Arnold to get his side Sydney Croatia a vital point and a 2-2 draw with a revitalised Marconi in a heart-stopping match.

Marconi can feel a little aggrieved at not collecting both competition points because their second half performance was as good as from any side this season.

BY FRANK COLETTA

It was the Marconi that everyone had expected at the start of the year.

In fact the Fairfielders started the game with an amazing revamp of the side.

Tony Henderson, Geoff Gunning and Martin Driene were all relegated

to the Youth side and Robbie Wheatley was on the bench. In came Steve Calderan and Mark Jankovics as a reserve. Joe Rizzotto started as right-back and Paul Carter on the left.

Led in sterling fashion by the previously out of form midfielder Peter Tredinnick and red-headed striker Rod Brown, Marconi came out and absolutely blitzed the Croatian defence in the second term.

However Sydney Croatia had the better of play in the first half and

they went ahead after 34 minutes when Manis Lamond worked brilliantly on the right wing, beat two men and whipped over a cross that Graham Arnold nodded in unattended.

Prior to this Marconi's Argentinian Adrian Janin came close when he let loose with a rasping left foot drive that crashed into the right upright with goalkeeper Steve Watson beaten.

Marconi as ever had umpteen chances but it was Croatia that was taking hold of the game

which Lamond might have put out of Marconi's grasp when he was open with only Bruce James to beat four minutes from half-time. His shot was screwed across goal after Arnold had 'sold' everyone with a nifty dummy.

Marconi got their act together straight after the break and attacked with verve. Croatia for their part were to bring apart their own downfall by relying on defending their flimsy lead.

Seven minutes into the second half a Rod Brown piledriver whistled across goal. Then Craig Mason struck a fierce free-kick that Steve Watson parried. Tredinnick swung over a cross and Calderan powered a header just over the bar.

Marconi should have levelled in the 62nd minute when Brown passed to Lowe who found Ian Gray unmarked on the far side. With only the keeper to beat Gray could not score as he was denied by Watson's save, the ball ran to Janin who slammed his right footer wide of the mark.

The game had turned into a scintillating encounter. Marconi attacking at will and Croatia defending for dear life and looking for a goal on the counter.

Not only was the game contested fiercely skill-wise, the physical battle brewed also. In total four yellow cards were issued by referee Richard Lorenc.

Marconi looked a lay down misere to score a few times and none more so than in the 77th minute when Lowe, Brown and Janin were all set to score at different intervals only to be blocked at the last second. Janin went down in vain for a penalty also.

Finally Marconi got their awaited goal when in the 81st minute Peter Tredinnick worked a nice move on the left and squeezed a fine pass through to David Lowe. Lowe dribbled some 20 metres and drove a low shot into the net.

A minute later Paul Carter made a run and crossed where substitute Mark Jankovics flicked the ball onto Rod Brown who put his side ahead with a glancing header.

Marconi relaxed in the vital moments near the end and a desperate sweeping movement by Croatia two minutes from time was the coup de grace for the game as Graham Jennings' cross was met by Arnold who buried it with a firm header to complete his brace.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Sterrey (Jankovics 78), Calderon, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Janin.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, M. Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin (Ucata 52), Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Ozdakov, Lamond.

CROWD: 666.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.



(Left) Davie Lowe and the returned to form Peter Tredinnick on the right.

SYDNEY CITY DROPS ANOTHER POINT

INTER MONARO grabbed its first point of the season with a nil-nil draw against Sydney City at Seiffert Oval and drew praise from the Slickers coach, Eddie Thompson.



IAN WOTHERSPOON and Gerry Gomez.

Youngster Abbas Saad, who gained City a point with an equaliser against Sydney Olympic the week before, nearly did it again in the last minute of the game after coming on as substitute.

Monaro came closest when winger Velice Trajanoski claimed a penalty when he crashed over in the area during the first half, but referee Dennis Voutsinas waved play on.

A Grant Lee cross found him clear in front

of goal but he shot over the bar.

INTERMONARO: Hoszowski, Tullawa, Gagetti, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Watrah, Winn, Trajanoski (D'Addario 79), Ambrosino.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Rodriguez, Hooker, O'Connor, De Margnay (Saad 64), Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee.

REFEREE: Dennis Voutsinas.

CROWD: 666.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — MAY 27, 1986

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS HEIDELBURG 4-1

IN heavy conditions at Olympic Park No 2 reigning NSL champion Brunswick Juventus impressively disposed of Heidelberg 4-1.

But the result could have easily been closer had Steve Marley not been sent off for Heidelberg in the 30th minute of the second half when Juventus held a 2-1 lead.

In the 12th minute Juve sweeper John Yzendoorn headed them into the lead after a John Dowie corner.

It was quickly apparent that Heidelberg's goalkeeper Jeff Olver was in for a busy afternoon.

In the 21st minute Paul Wade put Joe Palatsidis through on the right wing and his inch perfect cross found Scott Patterson who gave Olver no chance.

Juventus were consistently first to the ball and were superior in aerial duels as well. And it was apparent that their defence, which had only conceded one goal in six games, was going to be hard for Heidelberg to penetrate, especially with Peter Lewis blanketing Peter Tsolakis out of the game, depriving Heidelberg of an important avenue to goal.

Just before half time Juventus goalkeeper Yanka Banovic suffered a broken nose after a clash with new Heidelberg striker Paul Wilson.

John Yzendoorn replaced Banovic in goal for the second half, Lewis taking over the sweepers position while Mehmet Durakovc went to right full-back.

Slowly but surely Heidelberg were getting the upper hand, especially after taking over in midfield and a Claude Lucchesi goal in the 23rd minute left Juve still 2-1 up but anything was possible.

The turning point occurred when Steve Marley who had been booked in the first half for dissent brought down Joe Palatsidis and the referee gave Marley his walking orders.

During the last quarter of an hour Juve really applied the pressure, John Dowie coolly slotting in their third goal after good lead up work from Palatsidis.

To add insult to injury Joe Sweeney served Robert Cullen in the dying minutes with a well flighted cross and Cullen made no mistake with the header to make it 4-1 to Juve.

Juventus: Banovic (Durakovc ht), Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Palatsidis, Sweeney, Dowie, Patterson.

Heidelberg: Olver, McKie, Marley, Kanesoulis, Valentine (Katsakidis 71), Selimidis, Deligiannis (Atanassovski 71), Angele, Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Wilson.

Competition leader Footscray JUST put on a scintillating display at Green Gully to defeat the home side 3-1.

A brilliant start saw them 1-0 up after 90 seconds thanks to an Ernie Tapai goal and Stovic in the 36th minute and Bosinovski in the 90th minute also getting on the score card with goals from Brazilian-like free kicks.

Paul Lewis was Green Gully's only scorer after 88 minutes.

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Flavel, Lewis, McLellan, Ward, Theodosopoulos, Cumming.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrov, Barjaktaravik, Karic, Belic (Simic 80), Tapai, Stovic, Latifi, Bosinovski, Ljubic, Curovic.

Preston had too many big guns firing at the Connor Reserve in defeating a hapless Melbourne Croatia 2-0.

Graham Heys scored the first after being fed by Warren Spink and then Spink, who was playing his first game after a spell at Luton Town scored the second in the 86th minute.

Croatia are now languishing at the bottom of the ladder with four points.

Preston: Traianedes, Opasinas, Roodhouse (McLellan ht), Iloski, Dobson, Campbell (van Egmond 54), Heys, Cole, Lane, Mecovski, Spink.

Croatia: Runje, Deakovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Bliskic (Todorlitch), Gojevic, Bonacic, Ljubic, Marcovac, Redmond.

Sunshine George Cross' good form continued with a spirited 3-1 victory over South Melbourne Hellas at the Chaplin Reserve.

In the 63rd minute Bain made it 1-0 for George Cross and Gilder slotted another in the 67th minute but Davvy Crainnie pegged one back for Hellas in the 78th minute.

At the 92nd minute Gary McDowell who had played a great game brought down Gilder in the penalty box and Richardson made no mistake with the conversion.

George Cross: Kastner, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Mitten (Markovski 64), Gilder, Bain, Lennon.

Hellas: Laumes, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Tasioe, Crainnie, Middeimest (Murphy 70).

TWO Brisbane City players were sent off as controversial Brisbane referee Gordon Nicholson sparked wild scenes at Spencer Park during a 2-2 draw with Adelaide City.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Fullback George Caird and striker Alan Reis got their marching orders as confusion reigned in the 79th minute after Nicholson had refused to acknowledge a linesman's flag for off side. Both players were sent off for alleged foul and abusive language.

Nicholson's actions soured what was looming as a promising debut for new City coach Billy Wilkinson, who replaced Jim Hermiston who resigned earlier in the week.

Nicholson, who has been the centre of previous refereeing controversies was having a competent game until the 79th minute incident.

Caird complained about the refusal to give offside and was shown a yellow card. His next reply prompted a red.

If that was not enough, the match was then restarted with an Adelaide City indirect free kick inside the box, despite Brisbane City having possession at the time of the send off.

City held out the free kick, getting a free kick of their own for an Adcity push. It was in the runback that Reis was shown the red card for an alleged comment to Nicholson.

Players from both sides were dumbfounded and at one stage a spectator burst onto the field but was quickly restrained and removed by the City directors, who handled the entire incident with speed and commonsense.

But the club will submit a lengthy report on the incident and will request

REF SPARKS CONTROVERSY

note when a Steve Maxwell cross was headed in by Sergio Melta who had made an unattended 10 metre run to nod in at the far post. But Kieran Cooper, by far City's best and most exciting player, levelled five minutes later with a header off a Reis cross.

But if Cooper was the hero then, he was the villain in the 84th minute when he missed a penalty, which Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic claimed was awarded by Nicholson in some kind of even up after the send off.

Cooper, who had been the player ruled by Nicholson as having been tripped, ballooned his shot high over the bar. "It was a survival game for us and we put in a great team performance," Wilkinson said afterwards.

Unfortunately for City the send offs now mean Reis and Caird are likely to miss the Nanda Cup quarter final against Sydney City at Spencer Park on June 4.

Brisbane City: Harrison, Archer, Hogg (White 62), Mongott, Caird, Fabrizio, Lettieri, Hamilton, Bromfield, Cooper, Reis.

Adelaide City: Niclolo, Higgins, Tobin, Nyakohus, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar, Shillaker.

Crowd: 2013.

Referee: Gordon Nicholson.

CLOSER TO THE NANDA CUP FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ROUND 3 of the Nanda Soccer Cup takes off this week with the first match next Friday night between Sydney Olympic and Canberra City Olympians at the St George Stadium.

KRNCEVIC TO ANDERLECHT

AUSTRALIA's favourite Belgian-based son, EDDIE KRNCEVIC has seemingly gone to the top of the tree in European football as news was leaked this week that he will be joining ace Belgian club, ANDERLECHT FC.

Full details of the transfer from his current club Cercle Brugge will probably be made clear later this week when Eddie returns from Europe to Australia for a few weeks break.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Rumours have been floating around that he will be turning out for Melbourne Croatia during his stay, but this is highly unlikely.

In fact he should have been here in Sydney last week to attend the wedding of Peter Sharne but he was unable to make it.

Prior to his talks with Anderlecht the brilliant Socceroo striker reached his second Belgian Cup Final with Cercle Brugge when they beat Borains 5-0 in the semi-finals.

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YOUNG SAINT GRABS POINTS

TEENAGER Scott Ollerenshaw was understandably the centre of attention after St George grabbed two valuable points with a 2-1 win over Canterbury at St George stadium.

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

"That kid is absolutely beautiful," gushed coach Frank Arok.

The youngster struck the winner with a magnificent 20 metre drive nine minutes into the second half when the teams were tied.

Nelio Borges had given Canterbury the lead one minute from half time when he nodded home a Peter Zrlic free kick.

Miklos Orsagh levelled the score in the 47th minute with a blasting drive which smashed into the back of the net.

Arok made a double change at half time, bringing on Ollerenshaw and Andy Koczka to inject some youth

into the front line.

Until that stage, it appeared Saints would pay the price for failing to convert numerous scoring chances. Ollerenshaw is a local product, a member of the national youth team and represented in the Australian Schoolboys team which toured England last year.

"He is as good as Robbie Slater at a similar age and we are expecting big things from him," said Arok.

St George has now had an unbeaten run of six matches and collected nine points out of the last 12.

Referee Ken Small issued six yellow cards during the game, three to each team.

BLACKTOWN CITY had to be content with a draw for the second week in succession as Newcastle this time shared the points in a highly exciting match at the 'Gabbie Stadium.

BLACKTOWN CITY box as first Jeff Ainsworth, then Peter Willis, both failed to clear properly.

In the 74th minute Blacktown was stunned by a goal from the completely unmarked Mark Jones who scored from just eight metres out.

Three minutes later, Joe Carroll and Bourke worked a neat interchange inside Newcastle's penalty area which finished with a scoring drive from Carroll.

Robbie Slater in the dying minutes tried to beat Newcastle's brilliant goalkeeper, Clint Gosling but the Kiwi custodian came out on top of the challenge.

Best performers for Blacktown were Slater and Gary Byrne whilst for the visitors Gosling was easily the best man on the pitch.

This match was easily the best I have seen all this season from Blacktown City and was excellent dollar value for the fans in attendance.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtiss, Willis, Bourke, Ainsworth, McLeod (Northam 23 replaced by Ellem 82nd), Byrne, Bradley, Slater, Knight, Carroll, Sandy.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling: Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Senkalski (Owens 48), Cavanagh, Crabtree, Ingam, Milosevic, Heep.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 846.



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

CANBERRA CITY'S popular caretaker coach Steve Bryant is lovingly referred to around Canberra as the "undertaker coach."

IN Johnny Warren's article — 'Yes Sir, we did deserve a better deal,' the story he replies to has a gross inaccuracy.

The story by Mark Wallace claims: "Australia did not deserve to get to Spain."

As a matter of fact it was Mexico the Socceroos were aiming for mate!

ASW congratulates Campbelltown (NSW) based Everton supporter, Chris Welsh.

Chris flew back to his native Britain last week to cheer on his side at the Wembley big one.

He borrowed \$2000, took leave from his job and used his holiday pay to help finance the trip.

Unfortunately Everton went down but let's face it the experience of the occasion would have been worth it. That's real dedication to your team.

All you NSL supporters, imagine travelling 20,000 kms just to watch a football match! But then again an FA Cup Final can't be classed as just another match, can it?

CANBERRA CITY Olympians likeable and highly successful youth coach Mike Black is on crutches. Result of an injury in the Canberra City Old Boys match against the Australian National University.

Mike has torn lateral ligaments in the knee and will be on crutches for some time. Rumour is however that Mike is faster on crutches ... and could make a comeback sooner than expected.

STRIKER Robert Giraldi shouldn't have really been on the field when he scored Wollongong City's winning goal against Sydney Croatia recently.

Giraldi suffered an ankle injury in the first half and physio Pat Brown worked through the half-time break to get the player back on the field.

Coach John Fleming had his two substitutes, David Batten and Pat Brodnik, both strikers, warming up as the second half started.

"I told Giraldi to see how it felt and to come off if he was struggling," Fleming said.

"He is a tough type and we are all glad he was able to battle on; when he scored that goal he brought the biggest roar at Wollongong Showground in years."

BUGSY NYSKOHUS was glad there were no police around when he acted as driver when Adelaide City left for Melbourne.

The veteran captain crammed seven teammates into his car, and headed for the airport.

They got there, which beat the effort by Aurelio Vidmar.

His car, also carrying Charlie Villani, Paul Wilde and Steve Maxwell, broke down, and they missed the regular flight.

City had to charter a plane — at a cost of \$1500.

ALMOST a year to the passing of our old favourite Uncle Joe Vlasits ... It would be nice if someone created an award in honour of Australian Soccer's great man ...

ADELAIDE CITY captain Bugsy Nyskohus will celebrate his birthday next month.

So what? He'll be 36 and is still running strong!

NEIL McGACHEY, sacked as Adelaide Hellas coach, will be given a free transfer if he wants to continue as a player.

He had been playing in the club's reserve side, which is in the State League First Division.

Several local teams approached him to continue in his sweeper role as a player, and at least two have put out feelers for him to join them as a player-coach.

FORMER Socceroo Johnny Nyskohus, now coach of SA State League club Beograd, is upset at the way Footscray is trying to sign one of his defenders, Slavko Hancar.

The youngster trained with Footscray a fortnight ago without permission, and was invited back after impressing officials.

"We have not been officially approached about Hancar and as far as I am concerned until we are he trains with us," said Nyskohus.

Nyskohus has already lost another defender to the national competition, with Paul Shillabeer returning to Adelaide City after a stint with Beograd.

He was signed by the State League club when Zoran Matic was coach, and Matic is now City's boss.



COACH Edmund Kreft may make his first signing from the SA State League since being taken on as Adelaide Hellas boss.

He is saying nothing, but word is that he has recommended to the club that they sign at least one local star in the battle to make the top seven and next year's "super league."

WOLLONGONG CITY coach John Fleming had his preparation for the Sydney Croatia game hampered by his wife.

Fleming taped the Croatia-Sydney Olympic match and on the Wednesday before Croatia went to Wollongong, sat down in his lounge room to watch the game.

Unfortunately for him, his wife, Jan, had used the same tape to catch up with that day's episode of Coronation Street.

"She thought it was a blank tape but to make matters worse Fleming couldn't even watch the second half of the game ... 'the wife had also taped General Hospital and Days Of Our Lives,'" Fleming said.

WILL David Hunter turn out to be a better prospect than his brother Alan.

David, who plays at rightback for Lions, has been in brilliant form this season and already has scored two goals, both brilliant individual efforts.

David is a regular in the Lions side and it is tragic he is just six days too old to figure in the next Young Socceroos side.

But if he maintains his current form and improvement he may be a contender for our next Olympics team.

BRISBANE LIONS striker Danny Wright has been given an open invitation to go to Holland and trial with Dutch Second Division club Cambuur, now coach by former Lions coach Simon Kistemaker.

"There is always a place here for a striker with the skill and attitude of Danny Wright," said Kistemaker.

But it is unlikely the former Young Socceroo will take up the offer just yet. Wright, who last week scored his first NSL hat-trick, has just been named in the Socceroo training squad and has his sights set on a green and gold jersey.

NORTHERN IRELAND's supremo, Billy Birmingham cancelled a trial match with Scotland in Alberquerque just in case any of his players came up with an injury.

STEVE MAXWELL



FORMER Socceroo defender Bobby Hogg is again out of the game.

ASW extends its congratulations to ex-Socceroo Peter Sharne who was married on Saturday to a lovely young lady by the name of Anna.

There were many familiar Soccer faces at the wedding held at the Roma Classic Lounge in Liverpool, most of them old Marconi stars.

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PICTURED ABOVE are the NSW members of the Australian Schools side that toured the UK.

Left to Right: Scott Watson, Antoine Avellino, Paul Quarmby, Scott Ollerenshaw, Scott Grant and Brian Ellem.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



SPARE a thought for Paraguayan striker Adriano Samaniego. He broke his leg in two places last week and is out of the World Cup.

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MOROCCO will be counting on a foreign-based strike force for any goals they will be seeking in Mexico.

Their Brazilian team manager Jose Faria has picked four exiles to lead the North African team's attack.

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SCOTLAND team boss, Alex Ferguson has ordered his strikers to blast away once they get within 30 yards of goal during the World Cup Finals. If struck well enough the ball will travel like a missile in the rarified atmosphere in Mexico.

FORMER Swiss International footballer Pierre-Alain Chapuisat was last week charged by police for assault in a match last year.

Chapuisat, 38, fouled international midfielder Lucien Favre while playing for Vevey against Servette in a first division game in Geneva last September.

Favre, 28, suffered serious knee and shin injuries to his left leg.

The incident provoked a major controversy, and Vevey sacked Chapuisat three days later.

Chapuisat said that he did not injure Favre deliberately.

TEENAGE defender Driss Badidi lost all chance of making the Moroccan World Cup squad when he tore knee ligaments against Northern Ireland last month.

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ABBAS SAAD had to make way for Sydney City top-line striker JOHN KOSMINA on the weekend but the youngster has a real good future.

Although he was dropped after scoring the week before, coach Eddie Thomson has nothing but praise for him.

Saad, 18, who was a replacement for the suspended Kosmina and he saved City from defeat against Olympic with a perfectly placed header.

LAST WEEK National Soccer League Stefan Kamasz scoffed at rumours that Canberra City were quitting the Northern Division.

Stories of troubles at Canberra persist since Roy Thomson's resignation as coach three weeks ago.

■ ■ ■
ENGLAND skipper Bryan Robson will wear the specially constructed shoulder-brace that was sent to him from an Australian company during the World Cup.

Robson has also signed a new contract with the NEW BALANCE footwear firm worth \$1 million over the seven years.

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PAUL DALEY has quit Soccer for the time being.

Young Paul made it clear to the Blacktown City club that he was disappointed at the fact that he could not get a run in the first team and that he would sit the rest of the season out.

But Paul, former Youth Socceroo and a strapping central defender has made it clear that he will listen to any offer from a decent club.

There should be a few interested parties.

■ ■ ■
ARGENTINA are situated in the luxurious headquarters of Club America in Mexico City, which was also used as the training HQ of the Young Socceroos during the 1983 Mexican World Youth Championships.

■ ■ ■
AUSTRALIA'S representative at the World Cup Finals as a referee is Chris Bambridge will be well and truly on the ball at Mexico as far as fitness goes.

A special diet formulated by his wife will insure that he is in peak form with the Cup kicking off on Sunday.

The refs in fact will be physically tested to prove they are fit enough for the high-altitude task.

And if they fail a six-hour medical they will sent back home. The tests and examinations are being conducted by a team of 15 medical staff at Mexico City's hospital.

■ ■ ■
THOUSANDS of fans might lose their seats for the World Cup finals if a row with Mexican season-ticket and private-box owners is not settled.

They have threatened to take legal action over their seating rights.

MARCONI's second Argentinian, Osvaldo El'Ali is expected to arrive tomorrow (Wednesday).

All the paperwork has been done, his visa and plane tickets are ready so the Marconi constabulary see no reason for him not arriving.

If he doesn't front then they'll just forget about him.

■ ■ ■
BELGIUM were given a real jolt to their World Cup system last week when they suffered a 3-1 trouncing at the hands of Yugoslavia.

Belgium were well and truly out of it when the Yugoslavs fired in three goals in the first half.

■ ■ ■
URUGUAYAN import, Vicente Estavillo has been rated one of Australia's best Soccer Imports from South America in the past decade by Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer.

Schaefer said he had previously cast doubts about Estavillo's physical attributes but no longer.

■ ■ ■
Schaefer said: "He has proved to me he has more than just skill. He can mix it and take the knocks."



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MOST Aussies kid's sleep with a Teddy Bear, but not Liverpool's-Newcastle Aussie CRAIG JOHNSTON — he sleeps with the FA CUP! This vivid pic was taken last week when Craig was 'Down Under' promoting SPORT AID, looks happy doesn't he? Craig will be back to co-host the ABC World Cup coverage with Peter Wilkins and Eddie Thomson.

YES SIR! WE DID DESERVE A BETTER DEAL

I MUST be getting old and too sensitive to criticism of our game.

The following article appeared in the Canberra Times, prompting the following reply from me — the first time I have ever written to a newspaper.

The reply, understandably, was cut but did appear.

Do we deserve better World Cup deal?

The Australian Soccer Federation is kidding itself.

It is trying for a better World Cup deal because it wants to be able to qualify for the 1990 finals in Italy by beating such eminent world soccer powers as New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and others in the Asia-Pacific region, but not anybody else.

Because the World Cup finals cannot be organised to such an extent that all the best countries get to fight it out every four years, FIFA has to rely on a fairly complicated system of playing groups, loosely based on geographical regions and there is an enormous difference in the playing standards between the regions.

Which is why Scotland had to play Australia to qualify. And those who think Australia was harshly treated by having to play Scotland are ignoring the point: Australia did not deserve to get to Spain.

What's more, the Socceroos could have beaten their nearest rival in Oceania 100-0 and still not have deserved the chance.

And it will not deserve such an opportunity until it is one of the best 16 nations in the world. Until then it will have to remain content with taking whatever chances it may be given.

Officials from upstart little countries such as ours who continually whinge about how hard it is to develop the game without a realistic chance of qualifying for the World Cup have their heads in the sand.

The fact that FIFA openly encourages developing nations by allowing them to qualify (knowing fully that they stand little chance of winning a game, let alone the Cup) does not mean Australia has to be one of those that get through.

Why even try to qualify?

The developing countries which do try are wasting a lot of money that could be better spent on junior development, where their futures lie.

Would it really boost the game in this country to allow our impressionable stars of the future watch the Socceroos stack the defence and hope for a draw in three preliminary games before being knocked out with less than a whimper?

MARK WALLACE



opinion

day May 15) that "The Australian Soccer Federation is kidding itself."

Respectfully, Mark Wallace is the one having himself on.

His opinion piece is full of incorrect facts as is the premise of his argument that Australia really does not deserve a better deal from FIFA.

For starters, the forthcoming World Cup finals are in Mexico not Spain as Wallace tells us.

There are also 24 finalists (since the 1982 World Cup in Spain) not the 16 stated in Wallace's article.

Further, Wallace tells us "Australia is trying for a better World Cup deal because it wants to be able to qualify for the 1990 finals in Italy by beating such world Soccer powers as New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and others in the Asia Pacific region but not anybody else."

Wrong again, as is his argument that qualification is "loosely based on geographical regions."

The host nation automatically qualifies as does the previous winner leaving 22 finalists to be decided on the following basis (121 entrants in the 1986 World Cup are noted in brackets):

Europe 13 finalists (33 entrants), South America 4 finalists (10 entrants), Africa 2 finalists (27 entrants), Asia-Middle East 2 finalists (29 entrants), Central and North America 1 finalist (18 entrants).

Which leaves FIFA with a problem on what to do with the Oceania winner (4 entrants).

Australia is not looking for an automatic qualification for the winner of their region.

What it is looking for is a fairer deal than playing off with a European opponent or in the case of the next World Cup, a South American opponent.

The real reason the Oceania winner faces a "mission impossible" is that this group contains Israel — a country whose qualifications for the finals would provide FIFA with enormous political problems on its hands.

Australia is merely looking to qualify by play-



ALAN DAVIDSON (left) and FRANK McAVENNIE

ing off a geographical basis, as does the rest of the world, with an Asian opponent.

Asia does not want Australia, New Zealand or Israel simply because they have seldom beaten Oceania winners in previous World Cups and Asia's current representatives in Mexico, Iraq and South Korea, would be highly unlikely to beat the Socceroos this time around.

And finally, Wallace tells us "why even try to qualify" if "they stand little chance of winning."

Unfortunately, the World Soccer Cup is not World Series Cricket, Rugby League, Rugby Union or a yacht race among half a dozen billionaires all of which, relatively speaking, are total non-events on the world sporting stage.

Over 160 nations are members of FIFA and in 90 per cent of those countries Soccer is THE sport and in most it is of national importance to have a successful national team.

Even the Eastern bloc countries which have proved that unlimited gov-

ernment assistance can bring success in most sporting endeavours have never looked like winning the World Cup in their most popular sport.

Neither have third World nations of Africa and Asia or the Middle Eastern countries who have pumped billions of petro dollars into developing the national Soccer team.

In fact in 12 World championships only six nations have ever won the Cup — Brazil and Italy three times each, Uruguay and West Germany twice and England and Argentina once.

Thankfully, Australia will try!

Its Youth team (Under 19) finished in the last 8 in 1981, 1983 and narrowly missing in 1985. In the very first under 16 World Cup, an undefeated Au-



ASW's ACT man **JOHNNY WARREN** speaks his mind

stralian team was eliminated on a penalty shoot out in the quarter finals.

And even at Socceroo level had Craig Johnston and Eddie Krnecic or for that matter Marshall Soper been available perhaps it would be Australia and not Scotland in Mexico.

Sadly, Soccer bashing opinion pieces such as this from Wallace which contain four basic incorrect facts and a pretty weak conclusion are opinions Mark Wallace should keep to himself.



DAVID MITCHELL takes on Alex McLeish

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IT'LL BE DANISH DELIGHT IN THE LAND OF TACHOS!

FRANK COLETTA looks over the charismatic Denmark side.

BY their own admission, Denmark's players were so rattled by the broken leg that sidelined star striker, Allan Simonsen just 43 minutes into the 1984 European Championship, they blew their chance of fulfilling all the promise and hope that they would reach the final.

During the World Cup qualifying it seemed they were peaking just in time for Mexico '86.

They were fired up as they slogged it out in preparation for Mexico, now whether they've been 'foxing' or not their latest results bear no resemblance to the team that was supposedly going to conquer all.

Manager Sepp Piontek is by all admission a real schemer but the last three games played by the dazzling Danes have been far from dazzling.

For now though let's analyse what they had achieved previous to these disastrous few weeks. On the first Wednesday of June in 1985 Denmark beat the Soviet Union 4-2 in an exhilarating and exceptional match in the Idrætsparken, Copenhagen.

Europe's most potent striking force, Preben Elkjaer and Michael Laudrup, each scored two goals. It was almost certainly the best encounter of the World Cup qualifiers.

On the first Wednesday of June 1986 Denmark

Klaus Berggreen, Johny Sivebaek and of course, Simonsen.

With the support of 10 or 12 fine back-up players they have formed an unchanged squad for almost four years. None of the regular team has made less than 20-25 international appearances while more than half are near or over the 50 caps mark.

Continuity, of course, brings the understanding of a club who are together week in, week out. Coupled with excellence this breeds success.

Another reason for Denmark's rise has been the role of West German manager Sepp Piontek, appointed in 1979. (Imagine the tension when his side meets his home nation!)

His first action was to bring discipline and professionalism to the previously "amateur" international team set-up... take not Australia. He quickly made an example of his best goalkeeper Birger Jensen, of Bruges.

Jensen decided not to turn up for an international, so Piontek decided not to pick him again. The lesson was learnt by the others, and the outsider Piontek had won instant respect.

His problem, otherwise, was one of tactics rather than team selection. The talented players picked themselves, but Denmark had always been a collection



BACK ROW (left to right): Ole Ovist, Soren Lerby, Michael Laudrup, Soren Busk, Frank Arnesen.

FRONT ROW: Preben Elkjaer, Jens Bertlesen, Ivan Nielsen, Klaus Berggreen, Morten Olsen, Jesper Olsen.



play their first-ever World Cup finals match — against Scotland in Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico.

They do so as one of the favourites, a team every other nation wanted to avoid in the first phase, for West Germany, Uruguay and Scotland this was not possible and so we have possibly the strongest first round group in the history of the World Cup.

There is the flowering in Denmark of a generation of superb footballers. Preben Elkjaer, Michael Laudrup, Morten Olsen, Soren Lerby, Frank Arnesen, Jesper Olsen,

tion of individuals rather than a team. On the odd occasion they'd click together, such as the time when they defeated Italy (current World Champions) 3-1 in Copenhagen during qualification for the 1982 World Cup, but it wasn't done often enough.

The players as ever are spread around Europe and in the past with certain clubs using differing styles, they found it hard to blend back home, if indeed they were even released.

Piontek's great success has been to mould a play-

ing style which he calls the "contra" system. Contra's superficial formation is 3-5-2. Morten Olsen plays as libero, with Soren Busk and Ivan Nielsen or Sivebaek as the other defenders.

Elkjaer and Laudrup are the front-runners, which leaves five in the midfield. Apart from Berggreen, who sometimes adopts the specialist marking role, the others, namely, Jesper Olsen, Lerby, Molby and Arnesen play without a set position.

If the opponents have possession, the five defend, attacking the ball to

win it back. In possession the aim is to attack as quickly as possible, wherever the ball is on the pitch.

The opposition is never allowed time to settle, and often the players attack defenders man-for-man to reach the by-line or go straight for goal.

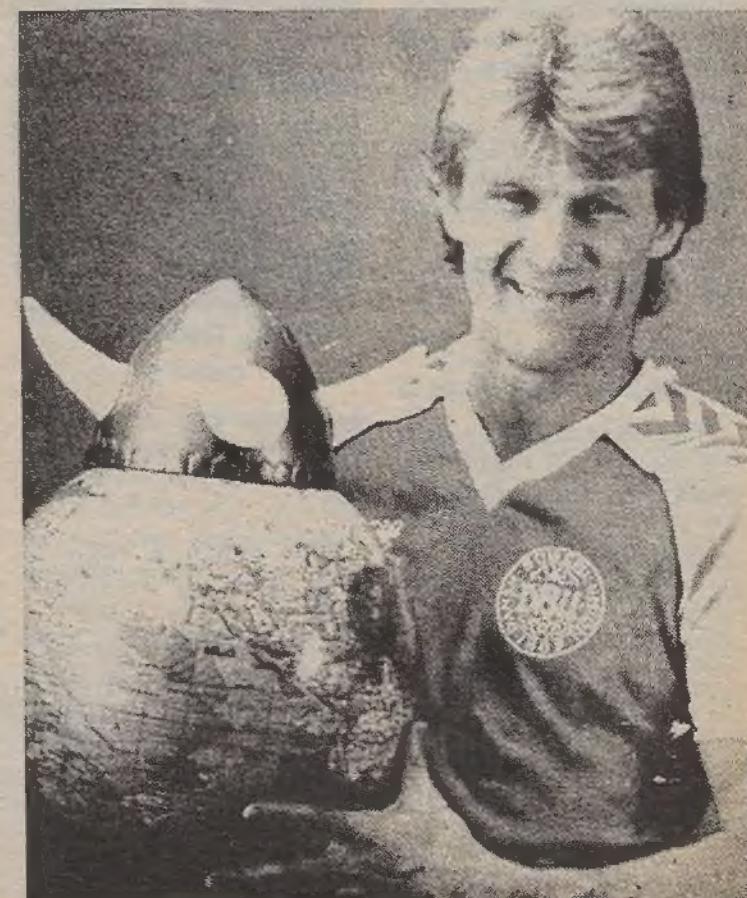
Obviously Piontek will have to now temper this style for Mexico starting this weekend. There will be no profit in explosive play, the heat and atmosphere will make sure of that. Denmark have the players for cool, calculated build-ups and the final sortee by Laudrup and

Elkjaer can be brutally efficient.

But their essence is speed and surprise. They may gamble in the rarified Mexican atmosphere to persist with this element. Perhaps on a tempered scale it could be most effective, especially in the defensive third of their opponents.

The third factor behind Denmark's emergence as a footballing power has been the cash provided by the big Carlsberg brewery. They have sponsored Danish football since 1979, with the avowed intention of helping the country qualify for the

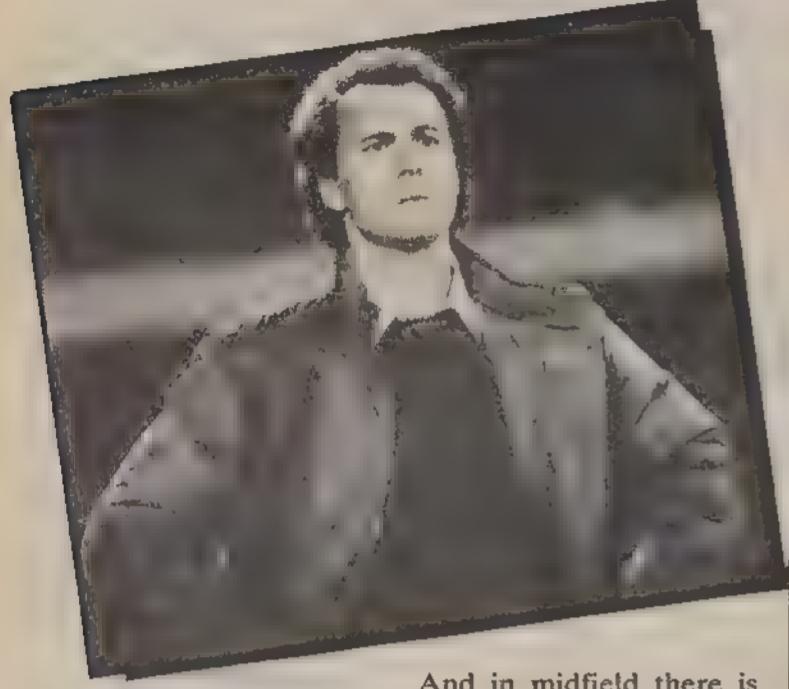
PREBEN ELKJAER, driving force.



DANISH captain — Morten Olsen

HAS FRANZ GOT THE FIREPOWER?

WEST GERMANY in Mexico, by Frank Coletta



FRANZ BECKENBAUER, West Germany's most successful footballer has had a torrid time as "Teamchef" of the national side.

His knockers have been from all quarters as the West German team plunged to rock bottom in their post-war history.

Under the redoubtable one they failed to win in six successive matches, the worst modern run following a rather easy advance into the World Cup finals than many experienced observers had predicted.

So-called experts and fans alike also demanded the end to the constant experiments which were thought to be responsible for the sequence of bad performances.

Since Beckenbauer's departure from the national squad the Germans tried 16 different "liberos."

And in midfield there is still no one to hold the reins, no general to dictate the pattern of play and no leader who could turn the tide when the team is under pressure.

The continual attempts to make Felix Magath (Hamburger SV) the midfield playmaker has not been so far successful. This is where the absence of the enigmatic Bernd Schuster has left a gaping hole.

Schuster has been at loggerheads with just about all and sundry connected with the German side. He point blank refuses to play for his country whilst Beckenbauer is manager. Also the blond midfielder recently launched a scathing attack on captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

In an astonishing outburst the self-exiled Schuster says of the Inter-Milan striker: "He is finished! Whenever there are prob-



KLAUS AUGANTHALER



WEST GERMANY

lems in the West German squad, Rummenigge is in the middle. He is influential yet he has never helped me in any way.

"He has not forgiven me for stealing his lime-light during the 1980 European Championships in Italy. He is 30 now and must be going downhill. If Bayern sold him, they must have had a reason!"

Rummenigge's response is equally sharp: "Schuster's brain is the size of a mosquito's. He is simply stupid. I never rated him as a person and as a player."

Back to the team. Many Germans console themselves with the thought that the best teams were often found immediately, or even during the final tournament. It is a fact that neither Sepp Herberger, nor Helmut Schön who both won the World Cup had ready-made teams at the start of the victorious finals in 1954 and 1974. And perhaps the greatest German side of all-time was not created till the quarter-final round of the 1972 European Championship which it went on to win.

Rummenigge the captain is no longer the player he was when he was twice elected European Footballer of the Year.

The other foreign-based player, Hans-Peter Briegel is an enormous lump of a man perhaps not suited to the Mexican atmosphere.

Karl-Heinz Förster is a good stopper, Harald Schumacher a reliable keeper, Rudi Völler dynamic again after his hernia operation and Pierre Littbarski, brilliant but erratic.

The youngsters in the

team are inexperienced, the elder statesmen considered over the hill.

But West Germany are a team that thrive on tournament football, even in the toughest of groups.

To count on Magath to find the inspiration needed in the middle is to clutch at straws. Rummenigge will be needed deeper and will play accordingly.

The expectations in West Germany are as usual high. This too, is not in the best interests of a side struggling to get a winning run under its belt.

But then most Cup winning sides tend to struggle prior to the big one kicking-off. The Germans may well click in time, they could yet find the right blend even in midfield and if they survive the tough opening group who knows how far they could go.



TONI SCHUMACHER

Their destiny as all sides is in their own hands, as at this stage there is no real outstanding side in world football.



Prolific scorer — RUDI VOLLER



Rummenigge and Schuster... at loggerheads.

1986 NANDA SOCCER CUP

ROUND 3

NANDA

FRIDAY MAY 30

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SUNDAY JUNE 1

Adelaide Hellas vs Croydon City 2.30pm

(HINDMARSH STADIUM) Referee: Stewart Mellings

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(OLYMPIC PARK No.1) Referee: J. Rossis



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EARLY MORNINGS AGAIN FOR PETER WILKINS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PETER WILKINS, the ABC's quiet-natured, young, efficient television sports presenter, will pad up once again and go out to bat a long innings for the Soccer fans of Australia, starting this Sunday morning.

Peter will be hosting a marathon innings of 25 World Cup telecasts involving no less than 45 hours of live and highlight coverage brought into Australia direct from Mexico, culminating in the Final on Monday, June 30.

Joining him for this extensive coverage in the Sydney studios will be Craig Johnston from Liverpool.

Australia's assistant World Cup coach, Eddie Thomson also will join the panel for expert comment and critical analysis during the quarter finals through to the Final in Mexico City.

Born August 21, 1959, and raised in Sydney, Peter attended Pennant Hills and Shore High Schools before entering the Sydney University for his Bachelor of Arts degree studies.

A polished journalist as well, the quietly spoken Peter began his media career with ABC Radio from where he soon rocketed into the world of television.

Pursuing almost all sports actively, which includes playing cricket, Soccer, golf, indoor cricket and rugby union, Peter Wilkins' has the 'field-experience' which stands him in good stead when presenting a multitude of

"France of course are magnificent to watch and who will ever forget the current European Champions with that super side in 1982 in Spain?"

"Denmark has so many of her players foreign-based all over Europe just mopping up extensive experience."

"And as for Brazil they have always been deadly and never failed to qualify for the finals," he said.

The past three weeks, at the ABC-TV studios in Sydney, Peter has been busily wading through heaps of material, viewing countless hours of video tapes of his last World Cup presentation which he did with Craig Johnston.

"Those matches from Spain brought back a flood of memories of unforgettable, fantastic skills with sheer brilliance especially from Brazil, France and Italy."



THE ABC — TV WORLD CUP COVERAGE

THE ABC-TV's extensive coverage of the World Cup matches direct from Mexico is listed below.

We strongly advise all Australian Soccer Weekly readers to tear out this page and pin up near your television set for constant reference to monitor all the matches. The ABC-TV timetable of matches and time slots is as follows . . .

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SOVIET UNION v HUNGARY	
POLAND v MOROCCO	
HIGHLIGHTS: MEXICO v BELGIUM	
ALGERIA v N. IRELAND	
HIGHLIGHTS: PARAGUAY v IRAQ	
W. GERMANY v URUGUAY	
SCOTLAND v DENMARK	
HIGHLIGHTS: ITALY v ARGENTINA	
BULGARIA v SOUTH KOREA	
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Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

IT was a black day for West-Figtree when they had two players sent from the field as they went down 1-0 to Bellambi in one of the upsets of the season.

Referee Phil Torpy gave fullback Paul Cole and sweeper Phil Brown their marching orders in the last 15 minutes.

Cole went for wildly kicking the ball into the crowd after being shown the yellow card and it was his second dismissal this season.

Brown followed him when he pulled back a Bellambi player by the shirt when he raced clear for goal. The Figtree player had earlier been given a yellow card.

To make matters worse, striker John Clare went off injured after just 10 minutes and his replacement, Rob Noakes, also had to go off injured.

It was a welcome change of luck for the struggling Bellambi side who ironically had had three players sent from the field before they played Figtree.

has the potential to pull a crowd of 8000 people.

I mean "Soccer madness!"

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Imagine the predicament of Bellambi coach Frank Brindley when one of his key players hasn't turned up 20 minutes before the first grade game starts.

The coach sends an official to the player's home to see what has happened and hear the player went to Harold Parl trots the previous night.

Seems he won a heap of money so decided to stay in Sydney and go to the races the next day.

Unfortunately without him Bellambi lost and the player also lost at the races.

Whatever happened to team spirit and club loyalty?

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Bulli's Gary Mann has earned the nickname "Super Mann" after his team's second round Bampton Cup tie against neighbouring Woonona.

Mann, best known as a striker, has been playing centre-half this season and doing it very well.

Against Woonona, he went out in the defence but at half-time there seemed an upset was on the cards with Woonona leading 2-0.

Coach Norm Flanagan decided Mann was the player to ease the crisis so he told him to play up front.

It proved a master stroke as Bulli stormed home to win 4-2 and Mann scored all the goals. That's what you can call a handy player to have in your side.

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All Illawarra premier league games will be playing on the Monday of the Queen's Birthday weekend, June 9, because the Illawarra team plays ACT in Canberra on the Saturday.

Association officials have decided they have to leave Sunday clear to give their representative players a chance to recover.

In yet another chapter of the Soccer madness existing on the South Coast, Wollongong City are to play their biggest drawing game of the season that same Monday.

They play Sydney Olympic in a match that

DEVONPORT SOCCER CLUB

DEVONPORT started off the 1986 season with a dismal showing during the Steve Hudson Cup series, but since then have slowly crawled their way to third spot in the league competition.

Reliance will still be on the old brigade to see them through. Peter Best, Billy Frame and Ray Parke have been joined by the return of the very skillful Tommy McKenna and a sprinkling of younger players.

The 'Port will still be a force to be reckoned with throughout the year and could surprise some opponents during the trophy-hunting season.

Club information:
Name: Devonport Soc-

cer Club. Ph 004 24 3444
Nickname: The 'Port.
President: Peter Best.
Coach: Ray Parke.
Year formed: 1967.
Colours: Blue with gold trim shirts, blue shorts, gold socks.

Ground: Valley Road.
Honours (Recently): Steve Hudson Cup winners — 1980, 82, 84, State League North champions — 1982, 83.

1985 League results:
P W D L F A Pts Posn
18 13 4 1 57 25 30 2nd



Back, L to R: W. Boyd, M. DiPietro, P. Best, T. McKenna, A. Rimmer, K. Smith. Front, L to R: M. Meldrum, D. Meldrum, D. Chilcott, S. Mack, B. Frame, R. Parke (coach).

EAGLES ARE STILL TOPS

WHITE EAGLES regained its leadership of southern Tasmania's Cadbury State League competition by surprisingly beating Croatia-Glenorchy 2-0 at South Hobart.

Frank Ciocci played in the midfield for Coniston and they pulled off a surprise 1-0 win to bring Port Kembla right back into relegation trouble.

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How's this for a family split by Soccer loyalties? When Port Kembla met Coniston Macedonia at Wetherall Park recently the Ciocci family didn't know which team to cheer for.

Frank Ciocci played in the midfield for Coniston and they pulled off a surprise 1-0 win to bring Port Kembla right back into relegation trouble.

The Port Kembla President is also Frank Ciocci, the father of the Coniston player.

it should have demolished Caledonians instead of losing 2-1.

Clamp, Oliver, Pitchford and Agius — the latter hit the bar from only five metres out — should all have scored but it was Ian Parker who headed Calies into the lead after 23 minutes.

Kevin Clamp equalised in the 78th minute only to see Brett Murtagh hit Calies' winner less than a minute later.

Sunday's mouth-watering double-header which would have featured top-of-the-table clashes between Olympia and Croatia, and Juventus and White Eagles, was washed out because of the heavy rain.

Details: White Eagles 2 (R. & A. Leszczynski) Croatia 0, Olympia 3 (Nichols, Barrell, Xanthopoulos) Rapid 1 (Fletcher) Caledonians 2 (Parker, Murtagh) Metro 1 (Clamp) Rapid 1 (Blake) Howrah 0.

Cadbury State League standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	6	4	1	1	16	5	9
Croatia-Glenorchy	6	4	1	1	15	6	9
Juventus-Pioneer	6	4	1	1	18	10	9
Olympia-WPL	6	4	0	2	22	13	8
Caledonians	7	3	2	2	13	19	8
Howrah	7	2	1	4	10	15	5
Rapid	7	1	1	5	4	15	3
Metro-Claremont	7	0	1	6	3	18	1

Leading Goalscorers:
7 S. Pace (Juventus); 6 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 5 P. Xanthopoulos

(Olympia), C. Nichols (Olympia), P. Forster (Olympia), J. Broadhouse (Juventus).

WHICH CLUB FOR MITCH?

THERE could be a battle brewing between national and State League clubs for the guest signature of Socceroo striker David Mitchell.

The only way they could field Mitchell would be if Eintracht agreed to a conditional clearance — signing Mitchell over to Campbelltown who would then clear him back.

BY TOM MCKAIN

State League club Campbelltown, whose striker is Mitchell's elder brother Jimmy, has already approached the international to guest for three-six games.

However, under his original agreement with Eintracht, Mitchell was happy to stay out of the game during the German close season.

He required a groin operation after Australia's World Cup campaign and the Germans have yet to get any service from him since he signed.

Adelaide City, in the OASL, have kept an invitation open for Mitchell to play and could have the drop on Campbelltown.

The latter have discovered that there is no rule allowing guest players in the SA State League.

City coach, Zoran Matic, said he would not make any approach for Mitchell.

"Firstly, another club is already involved and it would not be fair to interfere as they were first to move," he said.

"Also I do not think Mitchell could do much for us as a guest player.

"I think he is a great striker, and I wish we had the money to buy him, but as a guest he would only upset our rhythm and we must also consider our present players."

However, Matic could change his mind if local rivals Adelaide Hellas decided to step in.

They have also left open an invitation to Mitchell to play as a guest or to sign on a permanent basis.

NEW COMP A SUPER-FLOP?

THE new-look "super" 14-team National League could turn out to be a fizzle if the present trend in results continues until the bottom seven in the two current leagues drop out.

After seven rounds, we had two of the most unfashionable clubs topping the tables — Wollongong in the North and Footscray in the South.

BY TOM MCKAIN

If the leagues continue as is, we could have no Canberra or Newcastle in the 14, no Brisbane clubs, only one from Adelaide, "glamour" side Apia missing, and no Melbourne Croatia.

The latter, along with Adelaide Hellas, has the potential to draw huge crowds.

SA officials feel that if there is only one Adelaide club — City as things stand at present — then it will die a death playing at home only once a fortnight.

With two clubs, a large section of fans from both teams follow both clubs.

While the Brisbane pair may be regarded as no great loss and travelling time and money will be saved, we will not have a truly national competition.

And with Newcastle and Canberra possible casualties from the cut-off, the league will be a farce as far as being nation-wide is concerned.

Too many officials appear to be obsessed with promotion and relegation.

Until our State league clubs can come closer to the strength of the National League teams, relegation and promotion should be shelved.

Or at least confined to a regional basis.

If a Brisbane team goes out, then a Brisbane team comes in.

things are not working out the way they were planned.

No doubt Sydney and Melbourne clubs would be delighted to have the two Brisbane clubs ousted and only one Adelaide club in.

The axing of Canberra and Newcastle would also cut travelling and costs.

But if that is to be the aim then why not wipe out the national set-up, return to State leagues and have a "national" competition at the end of the season.

While the race for top seven places is exciting, it will not compare with the battle at the end of the season if the clubs expected to make the top 14 fail to reach their goal.

It is now obvious that

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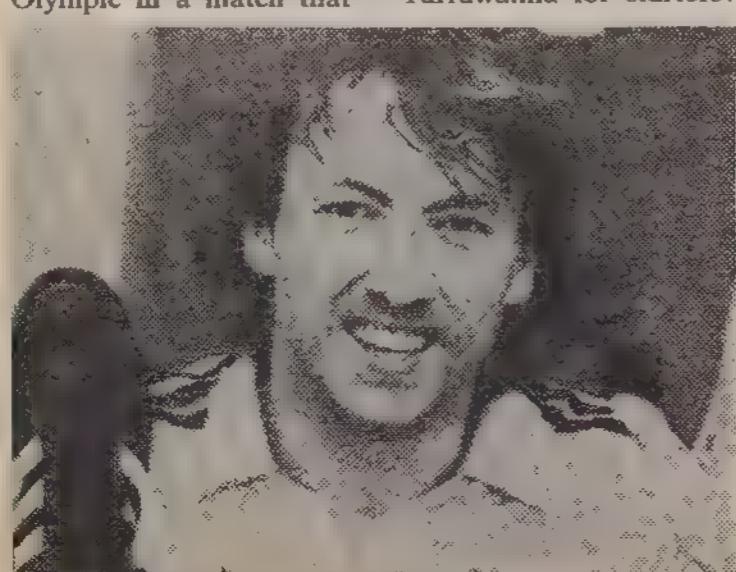
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DAVID MITCHELL

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

'NOT A ONE-SIDED MAROON TEAM!'

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has reacted angrily to suggestions that his Maroons side to meet New South Wales at Perry Park this Sunday (June 1) will be 10 Lions players plus Brisbane City's Kieran Cooper.

That was the popular suggestion following Lions' 6-1 annihilation of Brisbane City in their local derby a week ago.

But Stowell, whose style in the past has been to keep his squad members guessing on the team to the last possible minute, hit back.

"I do not decide my team on just one game. I have picked players in my squad because I know they can do a job for me. I have formulated a plan which I think can give us a win in this game if everyone does what they are supposed to do," Stowell said.

Lions have 11 players in the 19-man Queensland squad following the late inclusion last week of stopper Frank Liddell. Liddell, the former Brisbane City captain, was signed by Lions and brought back to Australia from Scotland, after he was released by City at the beginning of the year.

Liddell played in the Queensland side which lost 0-2 to NSW two years ago.

The other Lions players in the squad are Rob Farrow, Wayne Evans, David Hunter, Steve Jackson, Alan Niven, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, John Ogden, Danny Wright, Jim Morton.

The other squad members are Cooper, Frank Mengotti, Garry Bromfield and Glenn Archer (Brisbane City), Martin Kirssopp (Mount Gravatt), Gordon Buchanan (North Star) and Mick Cernaka (Olympic), although the young defender was likely

to withdraw this week because of a serious shoulder injury.

But looking at those 19 players, it seems Stowell is tempting defeat if he is considering looking past the Lions contingent. With the exception of Evans, they are the most in-form in their positions in the state.

Several of the other even rule themselves out. Archer, for instance, who came on as the 7th minute substitution for Jim Hermiston last year, has been dropped from the City NSL side and recently even sat on the bench for the club's reserve team.

Wheeler, Queensland's Soccer in the 1-3 loss to the Blues, last year, has been dropped from his club team Coalstars. Kirssopp and Buchanan are among the most consistent in the XXXX League but surely would miss out on the experience factor to Alan Niven and John Stewart.

Bromfield too has lost form while Liddell is considerably more experienced and reliable at stopper than Mengotti.

Stowell will trim his squad to 14 later this week which should give a better idea of his plans. But he will not announce his starting XI until 2pm on Sunday. The run-on team will be most interesting.

THE DYNAMIC STRIKING DUO

FORMER National League strikers Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh have teamed to form the most lethal striking combination in Queensland's XXXX League competition.

The pair were transfer listed this year by Lions and snapped up by the Tigers in a \$6000 deal. And the pair already have gone a long way towards repaying the outlay.

In the first five rounds, McDonagh had scored six goals and Redmond three. The pair have helped rocket Eats to the top of the league which is a pleasant change after several indifferent seasons.

Coaching the Eats side is John Sime, ironically also a former Lions player.

Sime is delighted with the form of not only the former NSL pair but his entire side but believes the best is yet to come from Eats.

"At times we are our own worst enemy and get ourselves into trouble. Once we sort that out, our game will be a lot better," Sime said.

Although they completed the first five games undefeated, Eats certainly aren't resting on the laurels and the club is still actively negotiating to build depth before the run

in to the finals.

And with \$10,000 resting on this year's Grand Final, the competition will be keen.

Eats are awaiting the arrival of former Barnsley midfielder David Bond. Bond played for a short time with Eats last year but has incredible bad luck. He was injured in his first game, then after recovering, he stood on a pin only an hour prior to his comeback match. The pin lodged in his foot and required an operation to remove it.

"David showed enough in the short time he was with us to suggest he could be a very good player at this level," Sime said.

Bone will arrive after spending the past few months playing in the well-respected English Midlands League.

Also helping to boost the Eats revival is former Lions, Brisbane City and Leichhardt NSL player Allan Hughes, who has been switched to a defender.

The return to form of former Queensland player Phil Thompson, now being used as a sweeper rather than a midfielder, also has helped strengthen the Tigers side.



ROB FARROW

STEVE JACKSON STAYING PUT

BRISBANE LIONS defender Steve Jackson has decided against a move south despite missing selection in the Melbourne Socceroo training squad.

The 21-year-old Jackson has been the most consistent player in Queensland this year and it came as a surprise when he was not included in the squad last week.

Queensland gained three players in the 19-man squad which will go into camp next week.

They were Lions players Danny Wright and John Russell Stewart.

"I was annoyed and angry at not being selected because I thought I had been playing well and not getting the recognition," Jackson said.

"But I don't think I have to go south just yet because I think Lions are in with a good show of being included in the 14 to make up next year's new National League and then we will be under Frank Arok's eye as much as anyone else."

"At this stage I would like to stay in Queensland and prove a point."

Jackson, who was mem-

NIVEN'S LAST BIG MATCH

FORMER Socceroo Alan Niven will play his last first class game when he turns out for Queensland this weekend.

Niven, 30, made his NSL farewell when he played for Lions against Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday and this weekend's clash will be his final game before he takes up a coaching position in Bundaberg.

Although Niven says he is finding it hard to be-

lieve that his career is finishing as the moment approaches, he has no regrets.

"I think anyone who has played Soccer all their life would have some reservations about stopping when the moment finally arrives but I know within myself I have made the right decision for myself

and my family," Niven said.

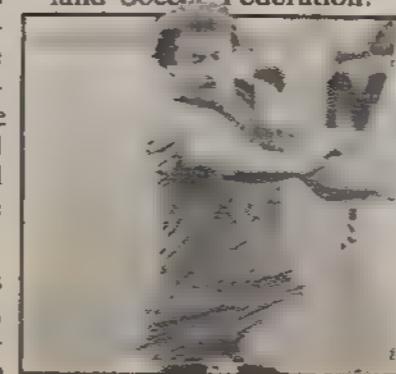
Niven is to be the Queensland Soccer Federation's regional director of coaching in the Sugar town of Bundaberg. His decision to quit NSL came as surprise but it was one formulated while he toured North Queensland with Lions earlier this year.

"I saw the potential up there and when I learned there was a coaching position available I decided to take the opportunity while it was there. I tasted full-time Soccer when I played in England and liked it and now this is the chance to do a similar type thing in Australia," Niven said.

Last weekend was Niven's 220th NSL match after joining Lions in 1976 after starting his career with Wolverhampton Wanderers. This weekend will be Niven's 11th in the Maroon.

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JOHN STEWART

SOCCE ROCKED BY AERIAL PING-PONG!

THE spectacular success suddenly being enjoyed by Australian Rules football in Sydney this year, or to be more precise the Sydney Swans, must raise the question as to why a football code that is even more foreign to this city than Soccer is supposed to be, has been so readily accepted by the fans.

This strange mixture of Soccer, Rugby League, Union, Gridiron and Gaelic football has achieved more in five years than Soccer has in 50.

Of course the number of juniors playing the code is only a fraction of the huge number playing Soccer but what consolation is there in that when a recent club game attracted nearly 40,000 people through the gates?

There can surely be no question that Aussie Rules is unable to provide a better entertainment value to the spectators than Soccer can offer: even the comparatively low standard of our game is streets ahead of VFL football when it comes to skill, fluency and drama.

The very same day that the Swans pulled in a crowd of 38,000 at the SCG, our two best supported teams played out a highly entertaining draw at the ancient Pratten Park in front of less than 8,000 people.

Does anyone really believe that Aussie Rules is such a superior code of football that the game itself can justify the huge difference in drawing power?

Of course not, but the promoters of the Swans have successfully managed to feed the Sydney sporting public that old marketing philosophy of selling the sizzle never mind the steak!

Take a look at the promotion of both those matches during the week leading up to Sunday afternoon. Countless commercials on television every night encouraging viewers to "Show them Sydney, we're the mighty Swans."

Radio stations were repeating the same message time and again; large ads in all the daily newspapers and hundreds of free tickets given away.

Forget about any substance in the game itself. If they were advertising a game of tiddlywinks a large crowd would still have been convinced that they just had to attend.

The build-up didn't stop there. A large variety of pre-match entertainment made sure that the customer was already satisfied —

advertisement advising the weekend game's times and venues in the daily press.

The Soccer media and the ethnic newspapers gave the game the coverage it deserved but that only reached a limited and a largely converted audience.

It's not hard to understand therefore how a relatively new football code in Sydney, one that really has very little to offer in the way of football itself, can entice and satisfy a crowd five times as large as the more established Soccer code can attract.

There are other aspects that must not be overlooked, the most crucial one being that the attend-

ances at the Swans games are made up largely of family groups, something which Soccer badly fails to match, and without doubt they include kids who spend their Saturday afternoons playing Soccer.

There is precious little being done to convert these junior Soccer players into senior Soccer spectators and the consequences for the game cannot be ignored.

Soccer is slowly developing into a game for the older generation and unless this trend is reversed the game will also eventually die of old age.

FRANK SCICLUNA

AN INDIAN PROPOSAL

THROUGH the successful deeds of our footballing sides recently, such as Australia in the World Cup and South Australia in the DCM tournament differing nations as far flung as India are interested in competing against Australian sides.

ASW last week was given the information from Mr N. Vittal, vice-president of the All India Football Federation.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Mr Vittal said: "I had a meeting with the Australian Soccer Federation vice-president, Brian Emery and he agreed in principle that the idea of teams from India coming to Australia and vice-versa was a good one.

"At the moment in India we are looking at playing State sides mainly and hopefully we will be able to entice Australian states and/or clubs to come over to India and compete in the VITTAL TROPHY.

"The trophy which is named after myself is running for the sixteenth year and the AIFF of which I am vice-president see it as being vital that we not only have Asian countries such as Malaysia, Singapore etc competing along with ourselves but also others such as Australia."

Mr Vittal also said that he had made details clear to Mr Emery of what would be involved in touring.

"When one or more of our teams is in the other

country it is to take care of all its matters on its own, excepting board and lodges which will be provided. As it would run two ways it seems only fair."

Fair certainly but is it to the ASF's satisfaction?

As yet nothing concrete has been set.

Mr Vittal continued, "I have still to meet with Mr Aulden Brown of the NSW Federation as that is one of the organisations we are primarily concerned with."

Mr Vittal who has had this trip to Australia privately sponsored also holds other positions such as: Executive Magistrate of the AIFF, Vice President of the Tamilnadu Olympic Association, Chairman of the Tamilnadu Cricket Association and is a Sub-Branch Manager of the Bank of Madras. Along with this he has studied Sports Administration at Frankfurt, West Germany.

"My stay permits me to remain here until June 15. I will visit the Canberra Institute of Sport and go to Melbourne to view your Hockey side, which to me is a mighty impressive one. Already I have been able to sample the excellent facilities at the State Sports Centre in

Homebush along with taking in some of the Australian volleyball and talking to Mr Fred Bennett of the Australian Cricket Board.

"Before I depart though I will make sure I watch some of the World Cup. I will always remain a true football fanatic."

Mr Vittal has in fact also been asked to partake in a six-year study of Sports Administration etc. but he is still not certain over whether he will or not.

"I will return home and review the situation and possibly I will take up such an offer."

When questioned on the state of the Indian national side he said: "At the moment in India our football is in one of those unexplainable yet often occurring troughs. There was a period as every country experiences of great involvement, participation and excitement with the game but now it has been lost for a time."

"Another problem that confronts the national side is the far flung states of India. For example from Madras to another city in the south is sometimes half the distance of Madras to Australia!"

ODE TO YOU ALL — THE SOCCER OFFICIALS OF AUSTRALIA

WE hear about the Rugby, the Marketing and Promotion, we see the big men fly with the "Show 'em" ad and promotion.

We see Basketball and Cricket increasing its crowds and pace, and we see the best game of all Soccer in absolute disgrace.

BY H.J. GROZKAMP

The reason is quite simple and there for all to see, marketing and promotion a'nt in the Soccer Federation and NSL repartee.

We've got no men of action we've got no men

with spunk, we really have no men in Soccer they're just tired old, amateurs and punch drunk.

The marketing of Soccer is pathetic and the promotion even worse, Soccer under Arthur George is nothing but a curse.

We really don't need these geriatrics, we don't need the Emery's and his lot.

What we need is another John Quayle to give Soccer a real good

Rugby shot.

I've been in marketing for many years and Soccer is my life, and can tell you underly soccer fans our game is in bloody strife.

And if you think I'm joking and talking through my hat next week pretend you're a visitor to Sydney and ask any radio station, where St George Stadium is at. You'll get some funny answers and it really is a shame that these bloody geriatrics are running our game.

Ragan (4), Terry Moore (5), Ian Bridge (6), Carl Valentine (7), Gerry Gray (8), Branko Segota (9), Igor Vrabilic (10), Michael Sweeney (11), Randy Samuel (12), George Pakos (13), Dale Mitchell (14), Paul James (15), Gregory Ion (16), David Norman (17), James Lowery (18), Pasquale DeLuca (19), Colin Miller (20), Sven Habermann (21), Paul Dolan (22).

SOVIET UNION

Ranat Dasayev (1), Vladimir Besnov (2), Alexander Chivadze (3), Gennadi Mordozov (4), Anatoly Demyanenko (5), Alexander Bubnov (6), Ivan Yaremchuk (7), Pavel Yakovenko (8), Alexander Zavarov (9), Oleg Kuznetsov (10), Oleg Blokhin (11), Andrei Bal (12), Gennadi Tsvetovenko (13), Sergei Rodionov (14), Nikolai Laronov (15), Viktor Chanov (16), Vadim Yevstchenko (17), Oleg Protasov (18), Igor Belanov (19), Sergei Alekhnikov (20), Vasily Rats (21), Sergei Gulyaev (22).

HUNGARY

Peter Disztl (1), Sandor Salai (2), Antal Roth (3), Jozsef Varga (4), Jozsef Kardos (5), Imre Garab (6), Jozsef Kuprich (7), Antal Nagy (8), Laszlo Djajka (9), Lajos Detari (10), Marton Estherazy (11), Jozsef Csuany (12), Laszlo Disztl (13), Zoltan Peter (14), Peter Hannisch (15), Jozsef Nagy (16), Gyozo Bursza (17), Jozsef Szendrel (18), Gyorgy Bognar (19), Kalman Kovacs (20), Gyula Hajszan (21), Jozsef Andrusch (22).

GROUP D

BRAZIL Carlos (1), Edson (2), Oscar (3), Edinho (4), Falcao (5), Junior (6), Muller (7), Casagrande (8), Carreca (9), Zico (10), Edivaldo (11), Paulo Victor (12), Josimar (13), Julio Cesar (14), Alenao (15), Mauro Galvao (16), Branco (17), Socrates (18), Elzo (19), Silas (20), Valdo (21), Leao (22).

SPAIN

Andoni Zubizarreta (1), Pedro Tomas Rendueles (2), Jose Antonio Ochoa (3), Antonio Maestra (4), Victor Munoz (5), Rafael Gordillo (6), Juan Antonio Senor (7), Andoni Goikoetxea (8), Emilio Butrageno (9), Francisco Carrasco (10), Julio Alberto Moreno (11), Enrique Setien (12), Francisco Xavier Urrutia (13), Ricardo Gallego (14), Miguel Poiran (15), Hipolito Rincon (16), Francisco Lopez (17), Ramon Caldera (18), Julio Sallinas (19), Eloy Olaya (20), Miguel Gonzalez (21), Juan Ablaide (22).

ALGERIA

Nacereddine Drifi (1), Mahmoud Guendouzi (2), Fathi Chebel (3), Korki Nouredine (4), Abdellah Mediadi (5), Mohamed Kaci Said (6), Assad Salah (7), Maroc Karim (8), Menad Djamel (9), Lakhdar Belloumi (10), Madjer Rabah (11), Tedj Bensaoula (12), Harkouk Rachid (13), Djamel Zidane (14), Abdelhamid Sadi (15), Fawzi Mansouri (16), Faouzi Benkhaldia (17), Abdelhamid Benmabrouk (18), Mohamed Chab (19), Megharia Fodil (20), El Hadj Larbi (21), Mourad Amara (22).

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CANADA

Tino Lettieri (1), Robert Lenarduzzi (2), Bruce Wilson (3), Randy

ALL THE WORLD CUP LINE-UPS

WORLD CUP SQUADS GROUP A

ITALY Giovanni Galli (1), Giuseppe Bergomi (2), Antonio Cabriti (3), Fulvio Collavoli (4), Sebastiano Nela (5), Gaetano Scirea (6), Roberto Tricella (7), Pietro Vierchowod (8), Carlo Ancelotti (9), Salvatore Bagni (10), Giuseppe Barlesi (11), Franco Tancredi (12), Fernando de Napoli (13), Antonio Di Gennaro (14), Marco Tardelli (15), Bruno Conti (16), Gianluca Vialli (17), Alessandro Altobelli (18), Giuseppe Calderisi (19), Paolo Rossi (20), Aldo Serena (21), Walter Zenga (22).

BULGARIA Borislav Mihailov (1), Nasko Sirkov (2), Nikolai Arabov (3), Petar Petrov (4), Georgi Dimitrov (5), Andrei Yelashov (6), Bojdar Iskrenov (7), Ayan Sadkov (8), Stoycho Mladenov (9), Yivko Gospodinov (10), Plamen Getov (11), Radoslav Drakov (12), Alexander Markov (13), Plamen Markov (14), Georgi Yordanov (15), Wasil Dragolov (16), Hristo Kolev (17), Boytcho Velitchkov (18), Atanas Passov (19), Kostadin Kostadinov (20), Iliya Dilaykov (21), Iliya Valov (22).

ARGENTINA Sergio Almiron (1), Sergio Batista (2), Ricardo Bochini (3), Claudio Borghi (4), Jose Luis Brown (5), Daniel Passarella (6), Jorge Burruchaga (7), Nestor Clausen (8), Jose Cuciutto (9), Diego Maradona (10), Jorge Valdano (11), Hector Enrique (12), Oscar Garre (13), Ricardo Giusti (14), Luis Islas (15), Julio Olarticoechea (16), Pedro Pasculli (17), Jerry Pimpido (18), Oscar Ruggeri (19), Daniel Tapia (20), Marcelo Trobbiani (21), Hector Zelada (22).

SOUTH KOREA Cho Byung-duk (1), Park Kyung-hoon (2), Chung Jong-sao (3), Cho Kwang-rae (4), Jung Yong-hwan (5), Lee Tae-ho (6), Kim Jong-boo (7), Cho Young-jeung (8), Choi Soon-soo (9), Cha Bum-keun (10), Kim Pyung-suk (12), No Soo-jin (13), Cho Min-koon (14), Yoo Byung-uk (15), Kim Joo-sung (16), Huh Jung-moo (17), Kim Sam-soo (18), Byun Byung-joon (19), Kim Yong-se (20), Oh Yun-kyo (21), Kang Deuk-soo (22).

MEXICO Pablo Larios (1), Mario Trejo (2), Fernando Quirarte (3), Armando Ponce (4), Francisco Cruz (5), Carlos de los Cobos (6), Miguel Espana (7), Alejandro Dominguez (8), Hugo Sanchez (9), Tomas Boy (10), Carlos Hermosillo (11), Ia-

RAO Salman (1), Maad Majeed (2), Khalil Alilaw (3), Nuzhat Salim (4), Samir Mahmud (5), Al Shihab (6), Haris Hassan (7), Ahmed Almuneesh (8), Kamil Minshid (9), Hussain Mohammed (10), Abdul Auli (11), Jamal Hamza (12), Karim Alilaw (13), Basiq Hanna (14), Natik Abdouin (15), Shaker Hamza (16), Armid Tweresh (17), Ismail Sharif (18), Basm Kassim (19), Abdul Fattah Jasim (20), Ahmed Mohammmed (21), Ghanim al-Roubar (22).

IRAQ

Raad Salman (1), Maad Majeed (2), Khalil Alilaw (3), Nuzhat Salim (4), Samir Mahmud (5), Al Shihab (6), Haris Hassan (7), Ahmed Almuneesh (8), Kamil Minshid (9), Hussain Mohammed (10), Abdul Auli (11), Jamal Hamza (12), Karim Alilaw (13), Basiq Hanna (14), Natik Abdouin (15), Shaker Hamza (16), Armid Tweresh (17), Ismail Sharif (18), Basm Kassim (19), Abdul Fattah Jasim (20), Miguel Gonzalez (21), Juan Ablaide (22).

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URUGUAY

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SCOTLAND

Jim Leighton (1), Richard Gough (2), Mauricio Malpas (3), Graeme Souness (4), Alex McLeish (5), Willie Miller (6), Gordon Strachan (7), Ray Aitken (8), Eddie Barron (9), Jim Bett (10), Paul McStay (11), Andy Goram (12), Steve Nicol (13), David Narey (14), Arthur Aliston (15), Frank McAviney (16), Steve Archibald (17), Graeme Sharp (18), Charlie Nicholas (19), Paul Sturrock (20), Davie Cooper (21), Alan Rough (22).

DENMARK

Troels Rasmussen (1), John Sivbeck (2), Steffen Buse (3), Morten Olsen (4), Ivan Nielsen (5), Soeren Lerby (6), Jan Molby (7),

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THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



SERVICES RENDERED

BY TONY RACITI

THE huge Central Coast Soccer Association have enlisted the services of a legal mind in their quest to break away from the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

In an unprecedented move, Central Coast officials are determined that their future lies with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

At a recent meeting of the Central Coast Association, officials decided to notify the NNSWSF that they no longer wished to be affiliated with that organisation.

The Central Coast administration further decided to make an application seeking affiliation with the NSWASF.

But to date Central Coasts efforts to disaffiliate themselves have been in vain, as Northern NSW simply will not allow such a move.

In making the decision to seek affiliation with the NSWASF, Central Coast looked at many areas that would have an influence in the Central Coast.

It was recognised that over the past few years, Central Coast, has become more closely linked to the Sydney Metropolitan area, both in a social and economic sense.

Some examples are:

a) Over 10,000 people per day commute to Sydney for work.

b) Area health services now under the Northern Metropolitan Region.

c) Central Coast schools are part of the Northern Metropolitan Region.

d) Central Coast is a residential growth area, with most of the influx of new people coming from the Sydney region. Many young people are finding that the Central Coast is a area that offers a high standard of living at housing prices they can afford.

e) The importance of the link between Sydney and Central Coast has been recognised by Telecom. Phone calls between the centres being metered as a local charge.

In respect of football itself, Central Coast recognise NSW as the premier organisation offering the highest standard of competition possible.

By being part thereof, it would afford Central Coast player's and clubs the opportunity to compete at a higher level, which would in time improve and raise the standard of Soccer on the Central Coast.

It was also a fact that a move to NSW would open the door for Central Coast players to improve

and go on to participate at the highest possible level of the code.

Also Central Coast would like to be able to look forward to its senior State League club, becoming part of the NSW scene.

Therefore being able to see their area improve and go on to the highest possible level of competition in the future.

Something which according to Central Coast, is not possible under the Northern NSW Federation.

Central Coast also felt that they had gone as far as they could under present arrangements, and the future held little prospects for advancement and improvement.

Central Coast three years ago purchased 17 acres of land north of Gosford, with the payment of the site being made through contributions from members clubs and with the use of a bank mortgage.

A successful application was lodged for funds under the Commonwealth Government CEP scheme. That has enabled work to be done on Stage one of the project to be carried out, and that is the provi-

sion of two drained playing fields, car park, amenities block and spectator area.

Central Coast also have a Director of Coaching, who conducts Level 1 and 2 courses in conjunction with Eric Worthington.

I agree totally with the Central Coast move, as there is nothing wrong with an Association trying to expand their organisation for the better.

Obviously in the opinion of Central Coast and their members clubs this can only be achieved by affiliating with the NSWASF.

ASW have been informed that the NSWASF are keen to accommodate Central Coast within their ranks.

The fault in this whole sorry mess lies with the Australian Soccer Federation.

The ASF should be directing its attention to the basic and fundamental structure of Soccer in NSW.

Simply NSW has far too many Federations, and these should all come under the one roof, that being the NSW Soccer Federation.

At the moment we have the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, NSW Womens Amateur Federation, NSW Churches Association, Sydney Amateur League, Northern NSW Soccer Federation, Northern NSW Amateur Federation, Northern NSW Amateur Womens Federation and Combined High Schools, plus many others.

To say the least it is a complete mess. To sum up, the problem with Central Coast would not have been created if there was a single organisation running Soccer within this State.

At present the only body that can rectify the situation is the ASF.

Meanwhile, the Northern NSW Federation should not place any further 'red tape' to stop the magnificent progress of one of the leading Association in this State.

Central Coast should be allowed to progress further, and Northern NSW should allow Central Coast and their thousands of players, coaches and administrators the right to compete and participate where they so choose.

The other alternative would not be in the best interest of the code.

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"Alan Vest and myself will soon enough to give anyone an inside story about our coaching system which is very effective" Eric said.

"I do agree that boys aged between 8 to 13 years should have fun, learn the basics of Soccer."

They must be coached by persons with technical ability and knowledge he said.

"When they are 13 they want to learn and that is the time when they have to seek professional tuition" he said.

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boys but only for social games. Boys who have the skill or interest to take up Soccer" should continue under expert supervision he said.

Eric agrees that four games a week is too much and urged parents and coaches to stop trophy hunting.

Eric thoughly advocates that "we here in Australia should intermingle with European coaches and amalgamate our technique with theirs which should produce a unique pure Australian style."

The majority of Soccer writers are writing stories off the cuff they should ask experts who will give them critical advice. Eric Raciti's story and openly offered through this report an invitation to the ASW to ask him about the present junior Soccer coaching system.

Eric will leave Australia for Holland and Canada where he will study junior coaching styles and administration.

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CLOSE CONNECTION

BY GEORGE CHURCHWARD

JIM and Lorraine Hopkinson who have been closely connected with Soccer in the Nepean District for eleven years, are leaving the area to live in Bonnels Bay.

coach.

Mrs Hopkinson has been Registrar of North St Marys and served 4 years as Secretary. Elected to the Nepean M.C. as Sunday Registrar in 1976, she served in that position until 1978, and in 1979 became Assistant Secretary. In 1980 she took on the arduous task as Chairman of the Representative teams with great success.

He was elected to the Protests and Disputes Committee in 1977, and from 1978 to 1984 served as Chairman. He also managed representative teams in the Under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups.

For the last two years he has assisted in the Granville District as Manager of the Under 13 and 14 teams, along with his friend, Tam Finlayson, the

Appointments Officer and Secretary.

Son Ian has played with some success in the district. He represented the Nepean Association in the Youth League from Under 14 to Under 16, and he also is a qualified referee. Ian has also played for Penrith United, and Penrith City Under 19 in the NSL.

Elder son Jamie, played Soccer from the age of six, and is also a qualified referee, but now in the Police Force, finds little time to pursue this.

Married daughter, Valerie, refereed for a number of years, but has now put the whistle away.

Clearly the Hopkinson family have played their part in the game of Soccer.

THE AIS TOUR

BY FRANK COLETTA

IN the Blaw Whit Tournament in Europe the Australian Institute of Sport side (AIS) have finished fourth in a twelve team competition, despite not losing a match or conceding a goal!

They were Runners-Up in Group A to eventual winners Nottingham Forest. Both sides finished level on seven points a piece both Forests' superior goal difference pushed them into the final.

Coach Jimmy Shoulder said: "The whole squad performed in fine fashion. Especially Reynolds, Cummings and Naven."

It is to be remembered that young Gareth Naven was a star in the last Australian Under 16 side in China.

The side also took off the coveted trophy for the most popular and entertaining side.

THE RESULTS WERE:
AIS 0 D.W.S 0, AIS 1 (Van Berk) Feyenoord 0, AIS 0 Nottingham Forest 0, AIS 0 Pec Zwolle 0, AIS 2 (Cummings, Trimboli) Cercle Brugge 0.



JIMMY SHOULDER



ASW's own TERRY GREEDY at his Soccer Camp stressing a point.

WE NEED YOU NOW! To give us your junior news, photos, logo's etc. Send to ASW Juniors C/o TONY RACITI P.O. Box 6, Haberfield, NSW 2045.

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 16 TRAIN-ON SQUAD SELECTED

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE Australian Under 16 train-on squad has been selected by coach Vic Dalgleish and his assistant, Bruce Stowell.

The squad set camp at the Gowrie Hostel in Canberra for five days last week and trained morning and afternoon at the O'Connor Reserve.

Along with this they played four games. First up against Belconnen Reserves which was won 4-2, then Belconnen U/19 6-0. Next up was the Inter Monaro U/19's including Baz Giampaolo, a game won the young Aussies 4-3 after being 2-0 down.

Finally their only defeat was against the Canberra City Under 19's 3-1.

The squad has been culled down to 26 but Dalgleish makes it known that this is not the final squad nor does it exclude the chances of others.

"The squad is only a preliminary one, so much so that we have five

goalkeepers to choose from and anyone could take the no.1 position.

"No one player has a certain spot as it is only a train-on squad. As yet we don't know the exact dates for the Oceania Group play-offs. Sir Arthur George and Brian Emery are in Mexico finding out about this.

"When we do find out for sure, it's more than

THE FULL TRAIN-ON SQUAD IS:

NSW: Marco, Ioenny, Dimoudis, Jee, Rago, Tsongo-lis, Triantafyllou, Cosentino, Georgakis

NNSW: Russell, Brown, Tulley, Evans, McWhirter, McGregor

WA: Nicolau

QLD: Freiberg, Rigby

SA: Mills, Christopoulos

VIC: Mauntone, Jankovic, Lennon, Horvat, Davies

TAS: Longo

likely myself and Bruce Stowell will be at Parklea to view the Under 16 championships there and see what other youngsters are on offer.

"Once more then we will go into camp after the decision is made. As for the relationship between myself and Bruce Stowell, we have got on amazingly well together and I was happy to have him re-appointed with myself."

WOLLONGONG UNDER 14 SQUAD



BACK ROW: Ray Rowd (coach); Stephen Krishna, Toni Grueski, Tony Bovevski, Mick Atsas, Robert Phillips, Ted Stephenson (coach).

FRONT ROW: Terrence Dowd, Gavin King, Adam Gray, Philip Dennison, Shane Williams, Scott Dawes.

MISSING: John Krishna (manager); Shane Luck, Angelo Piacentini, Jamie Jack, Jason Gava.



TERRY GREEDY Issuing instructions at his camp recently.

FRANK WILSON

New South Wales Youth Team 1986



BACK ROW: Klaus Okon (Marconi), Russell Gendle (Blacktown), Paul Quarby (Blacktown), Keith Warren (St George), Paul Edmunds (Blacktown), George Bouhoutas (Sydney Olympic), Fabian Sacilotto (Sydney City), Steve Chillis (Sydney Olympic), David Barrett (Sydney City).

FRONT ROW: David Scott (Blacktown), Chris Ackerley (Marconi), Craig Moffatt (St George), Scott Ollerenshaw (St George), David Schute (Penrith), John Brown (Wollongong), Darren Northam (Blacktown).

Picture by Jim Harvey.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Melita	vs B'town City	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1
Illawarra	vs St George	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-3
Nepean Assoc	vs Apia Leichhardt	2-5	2-4	0-4	2-3
Marconi	vs Gladesville	9-1	7-0	2-1	1-1
Cant Marrick	vs Syd Olympic	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-4

DIVISION 2

Sutherland	vs Granville Ass	1-3	1-2	7-0	0-0
Nth Bankstown	vs Central Coast	0-2	0-4	0-0	0-2
Ku-ring-gai Assoc	vs Macarthur Ass	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1
Sthn Districts	vs Avala	6-0	1-0	0-2	For
Sydney City	vs Manly Assoc	1-1	3-0	1-0	0-0

DIVISION 3

Canterbury Ass	vs U. Auburn	5-2	5-1	2-1	1-1
Bankstown Assoc	vs Croatia Syd	0-2	1-2	0-3	1-1
Polonia Syd	vs Syd Yugal	1-1	3-1	1-2	2-6
Rockdale	vs Blacktown Ass	1-1	1-3	1-4	2-3

FRANK IS POPULAR

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE youngest and most popular NSWASF Executive among NSW Junior Soccer players is Frank Wilson.

His popularity at all levels from clubs to Associations, Branches and State cannot be denied.

Not surprising—since he as State Trainer — is responsible for the Health and Wealth" of the boys throughout the State. His job is time consuming and demanding. As secretary of the NSWASF Frank is always keen to be involved with boys playing Soccer.

Apart from demanding administration commitments. His greatest interest is as a qualified first — aid man and as such he handles NSW Junior Teams.

Known by the boys as "Dr Frank" or "Fat Frank" (There is another Frank among the officials Frank has served 15 year as secretary of the huge GLADSVILLE — HORNSBY FA and his involvement is a family TRAIT and addiction.

At Valentine Park Soccer Complex I saw Frank working in his "SURGERY" for seven hours non stop and two days "on call" without sleep during the Easter Weekend when the Country Boys were selected.

For three days the boys were "plagued" with small and annoying injuries which needed lot of patience and Continuous Treatment.

"Father Bill and Uncle Les in their hay-days were secretaries of the NSW Junior Soccer Football Association, the predecessor to today's NSWASF.

Frank as the "Amateurs" No 1 trainer has just returned from a seven-day trip with the Country Boys.

Was he busy? All the ASW can say that he has lost considerable weight and it was not from dieting diether.

The State League Story

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Jesper Osten (8), Klaus Bergreen (9), Preben Elkjaer (10), Michael Laudrup (11), Jens Joern Bertelsen (12), Per Fjerrmann (13), Allan Simonsen (14), Frank Arnesen (15), Ole Quist (16), Kent Nielsen (17), Flemming Christensen (18), John Eriksen (19), Jan Bartram (20), Henrik Andersen (21), Lars Hoegh (22).

**GROUP F
POLAND**

Jozef Mlynarczyk (1), Kazimierz Przybylski (2), Wladyslaw Zmuda (3), Marek Ostrowski (4), Roman Wojciech (5), Waldemar Matysik (6), Ryszard Tarasiewicz (7), Jan Urban (8), Jan Karol (9), Stefan Majewski (10), Wlodzimierz Smolarek (11), Jacek Kazimierski (12), Ryszard Komornicki (13), Dariusz Kubicki (14), Andrzej Buncol (15), Andrzej Palasz (16), Andrzej Zgutzynski (17), Krzysztof Pawlak (18), Jozef Wandzik (19), Zbigniew Boniek (20), Dariusz Dziekanowski (21), Jan Furkot (22).

ENGLAND

Peter Shilton (1), Gary Stevens (2), Kenny Sansom (3), Glenn Hoddle (4), Alan Martin (5), Terry Butcher (6), Bryan Robson (7), Ray Wilkins (8), Mark Hateley (9), Gary Lineker (10), Chris Waddle (11), Viv Anderson (12), Chris Woods (13), Terry Fenwick (14), Gary Stevens (15), Peter Reid (16), Trevor Steven (17), Steve Hodge (18), John Barnes (19), Peter Beardley (20), Kerry Dixon (21), Gary Bailey (22).

PORTUGAL

Manuel Bento (1), Joao Pinto (2), Antonio Sousa (3), Jose Ribeiro (4), Alvaro Magalhaes (5), Carlos Manuel (6), Jaime Pacheco (7), Frederico Rosa (8), Fernando Gomes (9), Paulo Futre (10), Fernando Bandeira (11), Jorge Martins (12), Antonio Morato (13), Jaime Magalhaes (14), Antonio Oliveira (15), Jose Antonio (16), Diamantino Miranda (17), Luis Sobrinha (18), Rui Aguas (19), Augusto Inacio (20), António Andre (21), Vitor Damas (22).

MOROCCO

Badou Zaki (1), El Abd Khalifa (2), Abdelmajid Lamrani (3), Mustapha Blaz (4), Nouredine Bouyahyaoui (5), Abdelmajid Dolmy (6), Mustapha Haddaoui (7), Aziz Boudreba (8), Merry Abdelkarim (9), Mohammed Timoumi (10), Merry Mustapha (11), Salahdine Hmed (12), Rhiati Abdelfettah (13), Ouaddani Lahcen (14), Haddaoui Mohamed Mouni (15), Amanallah Azzedine (16), Abderrazak Khaire (17), Sahil Mohamed (18), Fadel Jilali (19), Abdellah Bidar (20), Abdelaziz Sleimani (21), Abdellah Moudanni (22).

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I expect Vest to field the following adjusted NSW line-up on Sunday at Perry Park:

Goalkeeper: Mike Gibson.

Back-four: Gerardo Gomez, Arno Bertogna, David Ratcliffe, Graham Jennings.

Midfield: Graham Arnold, Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Tredinnick.

Frank Farina, John Kosmina, Chris Kalantzis.

The annual interstate clash will be refereed by Mr Alan Kibbler.

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SUNDAY

On Sunday, in other Round 3 Cup matches, Adelaide Hellas face up to Victoria's giant killers, Croydon City at the Hindmarsh Stadium at 2.30pm.

Croydon City have knocked out Green Gully and followed this up with a sound victory over South Melbourne in Round 2.

Adelaide Hellas in Round 1 took care of Salisbury United and then wiped out Adelaide City 1 nil in the second round.

In Melbourne at Olympic Park No1, Heidelberg United await the arrival of Casey De Bruin's Blacktown City.

The Sydney team will rely heavily on their strike-line of Robbie Slater, Joe Carroll and Adam Sandy for the goals. Blacktown tossed out of the Cup West Woden by 6 nil and followed up by nudging out St George.

Heidelberg accounted for Preston 2-1 in Round 1 and followed up with an identical score to move out Footscray.

WEDNESDAY WEEK

Tomorrow week at Perry Park

Goalkeeper: Mike Gibson.

ry Park, Queenslanders Brisbane City have their hands full with the visiting Sydney City.

Sydney City have never won the national Cup and are endeavouring to do a "Liverpool" this year. They have put out of the Cup Sydney Croatia 3 nil and Newcastle 2 nil in their progress towards the Final on August 17.

Brisbane City however are no strangers to the Cup having won it on three previous occasions.

This year they have knocked out Brisbane Lions 2-1 and followed up by tossing out Sydney's Melita Eagles.

The Brisbane side also have an ambition to win the Cup for sponsors NANADA who are also Queensland based.

This will be a night game with kick off at 8pm at Perry Park with referee Ron Davis in control.

**WOLLONGONG
MACEDONIA 1
FAIRY MEADOW 0**

IN the local derby on the South Coast, Wollongong Macedonia got sweet revenge for a defeat in 1984 when Fairy Meadow beat them to win the Second Division by winning 1-0 in front of 2000 joyous supporters at the Berkley Sports Ground.

Fairy Meadow had their chances early when Steve Baker was on his own following a defensive mistake but he put it just wide.

Macedonia also had a couple of close calls. In the second half the home side

dominated with the crowd right behind them.

George Todorovski a new signing from Macedonian club Vardar in the First Division worked quite well in the midfield.

A good move between Dean Gardner and Barry Robinson ended with Robinson's header cracking the crossbar.

The winning goal came in the 82nd minute when central defender Chris Talevski pumped a long ball to Robinson whose flicked header found Paul Giraldo who beat the last defender and smashed the ball into the goal.

Two minutes later Giraldo had a chance to make it 2-0 but his shot went wide.

**WARRINGAH 2
MELITA 1**

WARRINGAH FRESH-WATER playing the underdog role defeated the high-flying Melita Eagles 2-1.

Early on a corner taken by Howard Tredinnick the ball was nodded down to Wayne Farnsworth via John Foxman and the young striker made it 1-0.

In the 22nd minute, Rick Berry put a ball through to Dominic Giannone who was wide on right, he turned two players, beat them and levelled the score as he beat Pupovac.

Soon after Ken Wilson sent a volley straight into the arms of the keeper and Alex Bottalico layed up Glen Sterrey whose header was also straight at the keeper.

Giannone then went past defender Craig Williams the ball was crossed for Barry Walker who made it 2-1 against his old club.

Melita then attacked at will on more than one occasion with the keeper beaten by successive shots the Freshwater club were saved by defenders on the line.

As Melita went forward Warringah were able to break on the counter, one of Giannone's sortees was blocked only by the crossbar.

In the 88th minute Greg McCoy headed wide.

In the last minute a barrage was set upon the Warringah goal but the break didn't come for the Eagles.

**MANLY 1
AVALA 0**

MANLY Warringah went to Knight Park and won 1-0.

Manly had the ball in the net five minutes before half-time but the goal was ruled out.

The only goal came in the 65th minute a ball from Paul Marshall from Fraser Robin and then lobbed ball over keepers head.

Best for Avala Filipovic and Atagic and Van Egmond, Robin and Don Allan.

Feature of the game was tussle between newly signed Avala striker Ross Brown and John Dick.

SA State League
Birkalla 2 - Lion 2.
Para 4 - Elizabeth 1.
Campbelltown 1 - Polonia 2.

Croatia 10 7 2 1 20 8 16.
Campbelltown 10 6 3 - 2 1 11 15.

Salisbury 10 5 4 - 1 17 9

Heillas 10 5 3 - 2 19 8.

Polonia 10 5 1 - 4 13 10

Beograd 10 4 2 - 4 17 16

Azzurri 10 4 1 - 5 17 17

Lion 10 3 2 - 5 16 23 8.

Modbury 10 3 1 - 6 14 25

Para 10 3 1 - 6 15 18 7.

Elizabeth 10 3 1 - 7 8 20

Birkalla 10 2 1 - 7 8 20

ACT League

Croatia Deakin 4 Weston Creek nil.
Cambah United 3 Belconnen United 3.

Narrabundah 3 Concordia Phillip 1.

Juventus 2 CCAE nil.
Canberra United 2 ANU nil.

ACT Women's Assoc.

Elaine Watson Cup semifinal Weston Creek 6 ANU nil.

Queanbeyan 1 Cambah United nil.

Finals Weston Creek 3 Queanbeyan nil.

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With AIS still in Hol-

land, Canberra picked up another point at Sydney Olympic to edge to within one point of the Institute. The most stunning of all results was the 2-1 victory by bottom side Canterbury over the highflying St George, this was the Berries first win of the season and they doubled their goals for the year through two first half efforts from Steve Marinos.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	9	7	1	1	42	8	15
Canberra	9	6	2	2	27	14	14
Sydney City	8	6	1	1	28	8	13
St George	9	4	3	2	24	15	11
Blacktown	9	4	3	2	20	18	11
Leichhardt	9	4	2	3	23	14	10
Marconi	8	5	—	3	19	12	10
Sydney City	9	4	2	3	16	15	10
Wollongong	8	3	1	4	13	18	7
Inter-Monaro	9	2	—	7	7	36	4
Newcastle	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
Croatia	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
Canterbury	9	1	1	7	4	29	3

Set 24th May

BLACKTOWN 4 (Quarmby 7, 17 (pen)) NEWCASTLE 1 (McGuiness 70).

Sun 25th May

ST GEORGE 1 (McKie 71) CANTERBURY 2 (Mannos 20, 26)

CROATIA (Krslovic 3) MARCONI (Gunning 25, 85, Ackerly 39, Henderson 50, Markovski 65)

INTER-MONARO 0 SYDNEY CITY 4 (Patterson 29 (pen), 71 Pansh 40, Pontidas 85).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Bennett, Genais) CANTERBURY 2 (Hargreaves, Lemazina).

LEICHHARDT 2 (Colaguri 58 (pen) Masi 64) WOLLONGONG 4 (Hughes 10, Batten 29, Stefanoski 48, 82)

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE
DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly Warringah	8	4	2	2	12	6	10
Sutherland	8	4	2	2	10	8	10
Ku-ring-gai	8	3	4	1	8	6	10
Melita Eagles	8	3	3	2	17	7	9
Avala	8	3	3	2	8	5	9
Wollongong	8	3	3	2	5	4	9
Uruguayan	8	2	5	1	6	8	9
Warringah F/W	8	4	1	3	15	15</	

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

REPORT ON NSWASF METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

THE 1st round of the under 12 metropolitan championship was played on Sunday 18th May and the state champions of last year BANKSTOWN met the metropolitan champions of last year SUTHERLAND in a fine match.

Soccer was the winner in this game of junior football.

Bankstown ran out eventual winners 2-1 and coach DAVE BIRD can be proud of the way he was brought these players on.

The future of Soccer can be assured after the fine stand all the boys showed.

Players worthy of a mention were Zoran Draca Captain Theo Mitrohanis, Dace Har-

ris, Khoa Tran Joe Pellizeri.

The under 11 game was also a Bankstown victory 4-0 and the green and golds of Bankstown are hoping for the double this year.

DECISION ON REBEL PLAYERS THIS WEEK

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE decision brought down by the AWSA last week on Australia's five rebel players who pulled out suddenly from the national team to go to New Zealand, will go out to the players today from Canberra.

If sanity prevails, no leniency will be shown by the AWSA. That is my opinion and NO BODY else.

No Australian team must ever be allowed to be held to ransom or blackmail.

Julie Dolan, Toni McMahon, Margaret Petrov, Mandi Langhaar and Cindy Heydon, all from NSW, pulled out of the tour just weeks before the National squad departed for Christchurch.

The sudden boycott forced Australia's coach, Fred Robins

to hastily call in replacements to contest the second Oceania Cup Tournament.

STOP PRESS

THE AWSA received a telex from the Italian Women's Association stating that they want to tour Australia sometime in September. But they must be back in Italy for a tournament on September 27th.

or Clive Mackillop (ACT).

His replacement will come from either Trixie Tagg (NSW)



Action from a match between Italian club Roma and Liasung Province of China. The Italians won 5-1.



DENISTON EAST ARE CHAMPS

THE girls from Denistone East are the 1986 primary school champions in the Ryde Municipal Games.

Denistone East out-classed Eastwood 6-0 in the Final at Morrison Bay Park. The Cotton twins, Megan and Elizabeth, blitzed the opposition defences and scored 9 of their team's 14 goals overall.

Denistone East reached the Final through round robin wins against last year's champions, Boronia Park, 2-0 and Hunters Hill 6-0. Best in field play were Rebecca Brown, Susannah Erwin, and Ellie Bennett.

Eastwood reached the Final by means of a 2-2 draw with Kent Road and a courageous 1-0 win against the favoured Ryde girls. Best for Eastwood were Joanne Bracken, Marnie Porter, Brooke Keating, and Joanna Romeo.

This annual tournament is sponsored by the Ryde Sports Foundation and organized by the Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association. Alderman Jim Hull, Chairman of the Foundation, presented the Ryde Games medallions to the girls at the

closing ceremony. The popularity of Soccer for girls is increasing, and 6 local primary schools are now fielding teams in the weekly Friday afternoon sports program.

Round Robin Results:

Pool A

Kent Rd. 2 (Bickerstaff, Durnan) — Eastwood 2 (Russell, Morris) Ryde 6 (Bangis 3, Stoneham 2, Usher) — Kent Rd. 0 Eastwood 1 (Bracken) — Ryde 0 Best in field play: Kent Rd. (Farmer, Rinaldi), Ryde (Hlista, Redainia, Klar).

Pool B

Denistone East 2 (M. Cotton, Brown) — Boronia Park 0 Hunters Hill 3 (Thompson, Lawson, Hepworth) — Boronia Park 0 Denistone East 6 (E. Cotton 3, M. Cotton, Dunkerley, McMahon) — Hunters Hill 0 Best in field play: Hunters Hill (Lawson, Dorsch, Hepworth), Boronia Park (Halliday, Jackson, Missingham, Brown).

Final

Denistone East 6 (E. Cotton 2, M. Cotton 2, Brown 2) — Eastwood 0.

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BLACK MARK FOR ERIC

ERIC BLACK of Aberdeen is one of the best young talents in Scottish football and a constant target for affluent English clubs eager to recruit his goalscoring prowess.

But Black has blotted his copybook and has been sacked by the Dons.

Without informing Aberdeen, it appears Black conducted secret negotiations for a move to French club Metz.

He signed for Metz - and that's when the balloon went up back home in Aberdeen.

Team manager Alex Ferguson, in a startling move, told the player that his nine-year career at Aberdeen was over and he could not play in the Scottish Cup Final against Hearts.

Under UEFA rules, Black will now move to Metz for \$500,000. Aberdeen will not be happy about this because they value the Under 21 international striker at double that figure.

THE MEXICAN RED ALERT!

OPERATION Alert will be mounted by the Mexican government during the World Cup — the FBI, Scotland Yard and the French secret service have all been consulted.

No less than 30,000 police and soldiers have been assigned by Mexico's Defence Ministry to maintain security during the finals.

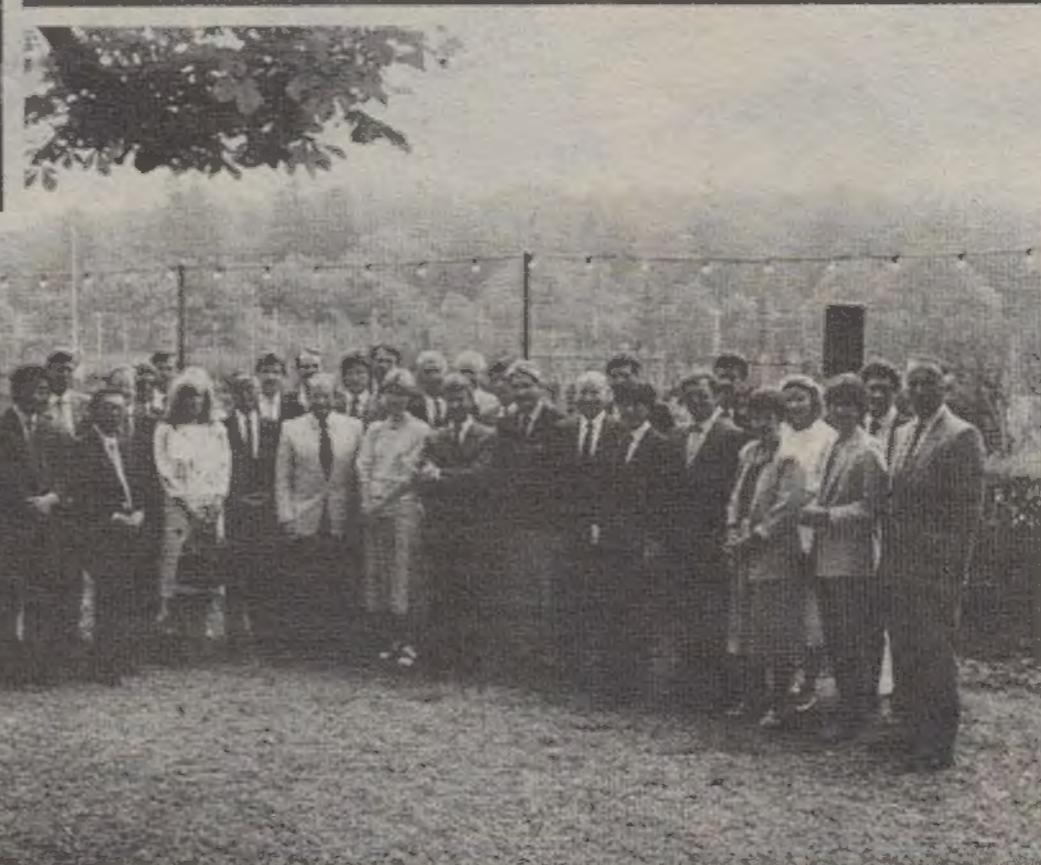
CLUB BOSSES WARNED BY BOBBY ROBSON

ENGLAND team manager Bobby Robson issued a warning to all club managers when he took his World Cup squad to Colorado Springs for pre-Cup training.

"Leave my players alone to get on with the business of winning matches," said Robson.

It is no secret that at least half a dozen of the English players are likely to switch clubs in the close season.

They include Peter Reid, Terry Butcher, Ker-



SHREEVE OUT OF SPURS

IT came as little surprise to most that Tottenham manager Peter Shreeve was dismissed from his duty at White Hart Lane last week.

Assistant manager John Pratt had his contract terminated also in a major revamp at the illustrious club.

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RED FACES

THREE Liverpool footballers appeared before the Liverpool City magistrates last week accused of assault.

England internationals Sammy Lee and Paul Walsh along with reserve player, John McGregor were charged with unlawfully and maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm on one Barry Home in the Coconut Grove night club in Liverpool.

Speedie claims Ferguson

'RAW DEAL' CLAIM FROM SPEEDIE

ALTHOUGH the various World Cup squads were named some time ago and, in fact, the big show kicks-off on Saturday, there are still many whinges and moans from players who didn't get to Mexico.

assured him he would be in the World Cup squad.

"I feel devastated and humiliated," said Speedie.

"It's just unbelievable. When Scotland were preparing to play Romania in March, Ferguson assured me I would be going to Mexico. He has gone back on his word and made a fool of me."

The player reckons he had been measured for the official suit and also had various inoculations.

Said Speedie: "Alex Ferguson has broken my heart. I broke down and cried when I heard the news."

There is another interesting twist to this story.

Speedie says he missed the Mexico trip because Kenny Dalglish took the

spot he expected. If this is true, how come, when Dalglish pulled out, it was Steve Archibald, not Dave Speedie, who was a late selection?

Maybe Ferguson was less than impressed with the blast from Speedie which appeared in a London newspaper - that blast aimed straight at the Scottish team manager.

BRAZIL'S GAMES

THE Brazilian World Cup preparation is getting publicity for all the wrong reasons with only days to spare before the kick-off of the 1986 Mexican World Cup.

Firstly there were the sackings of star players, Eder and Sidney. Then the withdrawal of talented full-back, Leandro.

Then their hopes received a major setback when they were informed last week that their plans to prepare for the finals at the high altitude at Toluca in Mexico had been cancelled.

Pele's publicity stunt came next, when he announced that he would come out of retirement at 46-years-old and play for the troubled Brazil in the finals if required.

Then came the continual interference from the Brazilian Federation (CBF) to coach Tele Santana, who was warned some time ago that if Brazil didn't win a few matches, he'd be sacked. He told them: "Do what the hell you like because the Brazilian side will win their fourth World Cup in Mexico, with or without interference from a bunch of old men."

So when the Brazilian squad was finally chosen, Santana spared no one. He sacrificed at least one major tactical option by cutting two right wingers from the Cup squad.

Santana named his 22 men and both the names of Marinho and Renato were missing along with four other notables.

In 1982 Santana was widely criticised for playing without a specialist right winger and he has seemingly done it again.

BUTCHER IS IN BIG DEMAND

IPSWICH TOWN's Terry Butcher is just about the most wanted player in England, following Ipswich's relegation to second division.

All the wealthy clubs are in the queue to sign the big centre-half.

Liverpool, Spurs, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest are just four of the clubs eager to buy Butcher.

Trouble is... Ipswich has not said it wants to sell the player. And Butcher is much more concerned about playing well for England in Mexico than about next season's plans.

Nottingham Forest's fi-

nances are always intriguing. Manager Brian Clough knows that if he buys Butcher, every penny of the club's season ticket sales will vanish.

"I am fed up worrying about money," said Clough. "All I'm interested in now is spending cash. This club can't have it both ways any longer."

Clough has raised more than \$2,000,000 by releasing five of his first team squad.

FRANCE ran riot in its final warm-up for the World Cup as they hammered Guatemala 9-1. Meanwhile Brazil with a fully fit Zico and Cerezo trounced Club America 4-0.

BARCELONA GET TOUGH

THE controversial Berndt Schuster, who let down his country, West Germany, by refusing to play international football, has severed another link.

After his temperamental walk-out after the Barcelona v Steaua Bucharest European Cup Final, Schuster's days at Nou Camp are over.

Obviously Schuster was unhappy about being taken off, even though he was having a poor game, but his refusal to mix with his team-mates after the game was the final straw.

Josep Nunez, Barcelona's millionaire chairman, stated bluntly: "That player will never wear our shirt again."

Coach Terry Venables will have no misgivings about losing Schuster.

No matter how talented the German midfielder may be, no club can function properly unless there is acceptance of normal discipline among players.

SPECIAL REPORT

KEITH BURKINSHAW in Bahrain

with



Why Spurs blew it!



When I was at White Hart Lane, I felt the players had a mental block about winning the title. They were happy in Cup games but didn't have the will to win over 42 games in the First Division.

It looked as though they'd got over that earlier this season but losing six out of seven home games was ridiculous. On that basis, they weren't entitled to win the League.

Peter Shreeves has got the same problem that I had in that he likes to see the "performers" in the side.

But when you've got too many in the same team, you're not going to win games week in, week out. When you look at the Spurs side now, they've got three or four players who epitomise the qualities needed to win the League, and three or four who don't!

Missed out

People will immediately think of Glenn Hoddle in that second category, but he's not the only one, though Hoddle has missed out on becoming an international star.

He's got the skill to be a world class player, but you need the application as well. All the game's great players have also been terrific workhorses. Glenn probably had his best period in the Second Division.

"I feel sorry for Peter Shreeves because at Spurs, you've got to field the star players — everyone connected with the



'Hoddle must work harder'

AN ACE AT WIMBLEDON

DAVE BASSETT was practically unknown in big-time football until a couple of years ago.

Now, having achieved the impossible and taken tiny Wimbledon into the English first division, Bassett is being talked about as the best young manager in the UK.

He has already received several "double your salary" offers but Bassett says he will stay with the Cinderella club next season.

Coventry City were keen to appoint him and there was even an

approach from Europe when Seville tried to tempt Bassett into Spanish football.

"I won't desert Wimbledon now but I cannot commit myself too far ahead," said Bassett, who cannot be blamed if he has normal ambitions to better himself.

Wimbledon gets by on crowds averaging 5,000 and that's ridiculous for a club in the first division.

IT'LL HAPPEN IN MONTERREY!

ENGLAND, where the sun also rises even if you rarely see it, is bound to find the heat in Monterrey a huge handicap in its World Cup quest.

Indeed, manager Bobby Robson said it was "just like England" when the squad touched down at Colorado - "with more snow than you'd see on a Christmas card!"

What's more, Monterrey is around sea level, unlike some other World Cup venues.

This casts doubts on the wisdom of the Englishmen choosing a training camp at Colorado Springs - where there is altitude and little heat.

It's interesting to recall that Scotland trained at Colorado Springs before

the 1983 World Youth Championship... and they didn't profit much from it.

BIG RAY IS THE SKIPPER

NOT many goalkeepers captain teams, although one who springs to mind is Dino Zoff who captained Italy's World Cup-winning side in 1982.

Zoff was a great inspiration to the 10 players in front of him and obviously relished the task of being presented with the Cup.

Now Tottenham Hotspur, a team which has just ended a most disappointing season, has also decided to honour a goalkeeper.

Former England star Ray Clemence will toss the coin for Spurs next season.

Although many critics thought his playing days were nearing an end when he quit Liverpool, Clemence continues to play at the peak of his form.

He didn't miss one Spurs match last season, even though he carried an injury, which may need an operation.

Clemence follows Steve Perryman as Spurs skipper and that's a hard act to follow.

Perryman was one of Tottenham's most popular players before he moved to Oxford a few weeks ago.

ARSENAL STARS HAVE TALKS

PAUL MARINER, Arsenal's English international centre-forward, is in New Zealand for TV work on the World Cup - and also to play a few games for North Shore.

While he's there, he will ponder his future with Arsenal.

The Gunners have offered him a new contract but Mariner might get a better deal at Stoke City where he would team up with his old Ipswich Town clubmate Mick Mills.

Mariner is only one of several Arsenal stars whose contracts need renewing, but most decided to wait until they saw who was taking over as boss from Don Howe.

Among other Arsenal stars still to decide on next season are David O'Leary, Paul Davis, Tony Woodcock, John Lukic and David Rocastle.



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